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Rabin meets Sisco

WASHINGTON (INA). — Israel-American talks on an interim Suez Canal agreement and the "modernization" of Israel's armed forces are taking place, State Department spokesman Charles Bray revealed yesterday. The disclosure followed a visit to the State Department yesterday by Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, who conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco for the third time recently.

Mr. Bray said the subjects of discussion included the "long range modernization of Israel's military power.

He said that he could not report "any dramatic progress" on a Canal pact since Secretary of State William Rogers' remark on December 23 that Israel had "indicated its willingness" to engage in "proximity" talks on the subject, but that he was uncertain about Egypt's position.

Mr. Bray would not comment on the Egyptian Government's attitude toward the Canal discussions or on the reported statement by President Sadat that Egypt's enemy is now Israel plus the U.S. in view of the U.S. military assistance to Israel announced during the past two weeks. Mr. Bray would say only that there were "a number of loose ends still to be tied up."

At the United Nations, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah met for 20 minutes yesterday with Middle East intermediary Dr. Gunnar Jarring at the latter's request. This was the second Jarring-Tekoah meeting since the special emissary returned here last month.

After the meeting, Mr. Tekoah said that Dr. Jarring had advised him of the substance of the talks he had held with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Zayyat on Monday. Mr. Tekoah said that Dr. Jarring is "still in a preliminary stage of an exchange of views."

Sources in London

Big Soviet arms supplies going to Egypt shortly

By K.C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — New substantial supplies of highly sophisticated Soviet weapons are to be shipped to Egypt in coming months, diplomatic sources said here yesterday. The new weapons are intended to protect Soviet warships in the Mediterranean and to neutralize the U.S. Sixth Fleet as well as to increase Egypt's military potential, the sources said.

The new weapons shipments were said to include the newest model of Mig-21 jets, a small number of Mig-23s, several Su-7 fighter-bombers, more SAM ground-to-air missiles and radar equipment, as well as a number of ground-to-ground medium-range missiles that potentially could be used on cities in Israel, the sources said.

The total consignment was termed "substantial" and the shipments should begin shortly and will extend over the next few months.

Some of the new equipment, such as the Mig-23s, was said to be intended strictly for Soviet use under exclusive Soviet control, the sources said. It was not clear at this stage whether the medium-range rockets also would remain under Soviet control.

This type of sophisticated equipment is concentrated, according to intelligence reports, in several bases reserved for the Soviets such as the major base of Cairo West, once one of Britain's key Egyptian bases.

The Mig-23s are so far chiefly used for reconnaissance, training purposes and special missions, and are only flown by Soviet pilots.

The report said that the new weapons programme apparently also provides for the dispatch of more Soviet pilots to Egypt, partly for Russia's own needs there, and partly to train Egyptians and possibly "assist" them in the event of emergency "defence needs."

The whole Egyptian air defence system remains under Soviet control and direction, and while some Soviet crews may have been reduced or even withdrawn from missile sites, they have not altogether been removed, reportedly each site remains under direct Soviet supervision and guidance.

New SAM sites are being installed around the Aswan Dam where the Soviets also are currently establishing an air base.

The new Soviets supplies to Egypt stem from an agreement concluded by the Kremlin with President Sadat during his visit to Moscow last October, the sources reported.

Cairo was said to have presented an impressive "shopping list" for new weapons, most of which was approved by Moscow.

Western diplomatic sources said that the Russian arms increase contributed significantly to the decision by the U.S. to sell additional Phantom jets to Israel.

STUDENT PROTEST

THE governments of Israel and Egypt are finding themselves these days the targets of criticism levelled at them from members of the academic community. In Israel a small number of university teachers accused Mrs. Meir's Cabinet of not doing enough to promote peace. In Egypt, the student body in Cairo and Alexandria universities are loudly protesting that President Sadat is not doing enough to promote war and only last night had won the right to special military training.

In both cases discontent can be interpreted as a symptom of the present situation in which it appears likely that Sadat has decided not to launch a war while Israel is slowly and very cautiously feeling her way to the talks aimed at a partial settlement for the reopening of the Suez Canal, in the hope they will usher in a new era of negotiations on more basic issues. In Egypt, the students may be giving expression to the feelings of the armed forces who are not too happy with the new government composed of technocrats. The students' attitude does not augur well either for the prospect of talks now or of peace later.

President Sadat has warned the students that he will not permit disturbances and clandestine activities. The students recall that in 1968 their demonstrations forced Nasser to demand stiffer penalties for the officers and ministers blamed for the 1967 defeat. Perhaps they want to test their strength vis-a-vis the new government.

Where the Egyptian students are hawkish in politics, ours are tyrannical in manner. An open debate in "Hyde Park Corner" style at the Hebrew University the other day was accompanied by shouts and disorderly conduct during much of the discussion. Unwillingness to allow speakers to express views that are opposed are not a sign of independent thought, but of fear that the other man may be right after all, and no credit to anyone. Of the two threats, the call of Egypt's students for war, against us, is less dangerous than immaturity and lack of intellectual curiosity among our students. We are likely to continue living under a conflict situation for a long time to come, not because of our own choosing. A people under siege are obliged to conserve their strength and to test their defences, physical, political and intellectual, at all times. Students who shout down speakers in a debate instead of arguing with them are as unproductive as demonstrators with no immediate political arm except the hope of a scuffle with the police and a newspaper story or two to get in a blow at "the establishment." The student demonstrators are aping the New Left at European and American universities two or three years ago. The rowdy tactics of the students at the university — and of some of the younger delegates at the Zionist Congress — hark back to movements one thought had been decently buried.

Hanoi Mig downed; 2 Phantoms claimed

SAIGON. — An American jet shot down a North Vietnamese Mig-21 yesterday afternoon, the U.S. military command announced yesterday. But Radio Hanoi later claimed that two U.S. Phantoms were brought down in North Vietnam.

The U.S. spokesman said the Mig was downed in a dogfight over North Vietnam yesterday when other U.S. planes came under heavy North Vietnamese anti-aircraft missile fire while on a reconnaissance mission.

It was the first Mig shot down in aerial combat in nearly two years.

The Hanoi broadcast said the Phantoms were brought down by the "Vietnamese people and army while raiding populated areas in Nghe An province. It did not mention the fate of the crew of the two jets.

The U.S. spokesman said a U.S. Navy jet shot down the Mig. At least three U.S. Navy planes were fired on by eight surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft guns, and one of the jets was slightly damaged, the command said. All of the U.S. jets returned safely to their carriers in the Tonkin Gulf. The command said it did not immediately know whether they were from the Enterprise or the Constellation.

The nuclear-powered Enterprise, the world's largest warship, returned to its battle station in the Tonkin Gulf off the coast of North Vietnam earlier yesterday. *(Reuter, AP)*

Ex-Prime Minister held in Rhodesia

Garfield Todd, former Southern Rhodesian Premier, and his daughter Judy, 28, were served detention orders by the Rhodesian police. (AP radiophoto)

SALISBURY. — Premier Ian Smith advised the British Government yesterday that former Rhodesian Governor Garfield Todd, his daughter, and three African leaders have been jailed to preserve the country's law and order.

A Rhodesian Government spokesman said that the arrests were not linked with their public opposition to the Britain-Rhodesia settlement proposals, nor were they to be viewed as preventive detention.

He said that the jailings were *caused by the "internal security* situation that has developed in Rhodesia" in recent weeks. The Todds have been actively campaigning among Rhodesia's Africans against acceptance of the independence proposals to be voted on by the country.

The British Commission headed by Lord Pearce to gauge public sentiment over the proposals was "deeply concerned" over the arrests, and said it would investigate to be certain that normal political activities were being permitted.

Daoud dies; funeral at Aksa tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A former Jordanian Premier, Maj. General Mohammed Daoud, who headed King Hussein's government during the September 1970 civil strife in Jordan, died last night at a military hospital in Amman. He was 58.

The body of Daoud will be brought across the Allenby Bridge today for burial in Jerusalem tomorrow. Daoud was expected to arrive in Jerusalem last week for treatment at the Hadassah hospital, but his doctors said his condition was too critical for a transfer.

Daoud was flown to Amman a week ago from Paris, where he was taken for treatment after suffering a brain haemorrhage in Libya. He was in Libya since defecting from the Jordanian Government, which he headed only for a week in 1970. He resigned while on a visit to Cairo.

Prior to the transfer of his body to the Allenby Bridge, Daoud will be given a state funeral service by the Jordanian Government.

He will be taken to his home village of Silwan, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The burial will follow a funeral service to be held at Al-Aksa mosque, following the Friday noon prayer.

SADAT PLANS AUSTERITY AFTER STUDENT UNREST

CAIRO (Reuter). — The Egyptian government, under fire from student circles for inaction against Israel, was expected to impose sweeping new austerity measures after its meeting last night.

President Anwar Sadat yesterday conferred with War Minister General Mohamed Ahmed Sadek, and also reacted swiftly to signs of student unrest by calling in Interior Minister Mamdouh Salem and the Youth Secretary of the Arab Socialist Union, Dr. Kamal Abul Mad.

University undergraduates in Cairo — usually a pointer in Egypt to political undercurrents — have demanded that the universities be closed for two months while students are given military training. At two stormy meetings this week they also demanded priority for war production and a halt to all luxury spending.

CUT IN EXPENSES

Officials felt that new austerity measures to be announced shortly would allay any feeling among students or others that the government was allowing the political situation to drift. Informed sources said the Cabinet would announce cuts in unnecessary expenditure in both governmental and private sectors.

President Sadat has already ordered his new government to put the Egyptian economy on a war footing and said on Tuesday night that the battle is no longer just with Israel "but also with the U.S."

Since taking office, President Sadat has relaxed many of the restrictions placed on students under the regime of the late Abdul Nasser and has removed police from the university compounds.

President Sadat, in a first response to student demands, announced that military training centres would be set up in each of Egypt's 24 governorates. He has laid stress since taking over office from Nasser on the democratization of government. Yesterday morning it was announced that some 12,000 Egyptians deprived of political rights since 1962 would have them restored.

Our Arab Affairs Reporter adds:

The Egyptian news media are evidently underplaying the student unrest in the country. The Cairo students meeting on Tuesday night warranted only a brief report yesterday by the Middle East News Agency, which said only that the students had called on the Egyptian government to take a strong stand on the Middle East issue. The report also stated that the students had rejected the resumption of Dr. Jarring's mission to negotiate a peaceful settlement with Israel.

The Egyptian press, without referring to the university meeting, also reported Sadat as "advising" the students to limit their activity to the framework of "a democracy under sovereign law.'

The student meeting in Cairo coincided with another student gathering in Damascus, where nine students were either killed or injured when a bomb exploded in a local theatre. No further information was available on the incident, which Syrian officials claim, occurred while the students were "watching a show."

The new Cabinet was in session last night. It was learned that the students will hold a meeting to be presided over by the new Secretary-General of the Arab Socialist Union.

Unofficial contacts with Bangla Desh, Eban reveals

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban revealed in the Knesset yesterday that unofficial contacts are at present taking place between Israel and Bangla Desh regarding possible recognition.

Replying to a question by Mr. Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh) he said that he was prepared to reveal more to Mr. Avneri privately, though not to say anything in public. The matter was under study in the Ministry, and would be *brought before the Cabinet in due* time.

Mr. Eban said that an early stage of events, before any state whatsoever had recognized Bangla Desh, a body describing itself as the "Bangla Desh Government" had approached Israel and requested the Government's recognition. Unofficial contacts had started then. The body had not asked Israel to make a decision or issue a statement at that stage, he said, but merely submitted a request in principle.

The Minister told Mr. Gideon Hausner (I.L.P.) that his Ministry was continually studying the possibility of establishing full diplomatic ties with India. There had however been no improvement in the Indian Government's stand, as distinct from Indian public opinion — which had great sympathy for Israel. Official Indian circles had *made no request regarding* a rapprochement.

He said the Ministry was doing everything possible, to strengthen practical ties between Israel and India. He cited the meeting between U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, and the Indian Minister for External Affairs about Bangla Desh victims.

Malta talks in Rome progress

ROME. — Britain, Malta and Nato ended three and a half hours of negotiations on the fate of Britain's military presence on the island, announced slight progress, and planned to meet again this morning.

Prime Minister Dom Mintoff told reporters after the meeting: "We have gone up another step. We hope an agreement is possible."

Mr. Mintoff, British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington and Dr. Joseph Luns, Nato secretary-general, were all optimistic as negotiations began.

Lebanese Premier to visit Paris

PARIS (Reuter). — Lebanon's Prime Minister Saeb Salam will pay an official visit to France from February 2 to 5, during which he will have talks with President Georges Pompidou and other French government leaders, diplomatic sources said today.

The visit will come in the wake of a major arms deal with France including tanks and missiles, due to be signed in Beirut tomorrow by Lebanese Foreign Minister Khalil Abouhamad and the French Ambassador there.

KING BAUDOIN RECEIVES YADIN

BRUSSELS (INA). — Professor Yigael Yadin yesterday was received by King Baudouin in an audience lasting one and a half hours.

Professor Yadin briefed the King on the Masada excavations. He was accompanied by the Israel Ambassador, Moshe Allon.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A suspected arson attempt was made against the editorial offices of the Mapam newspaper "Al-Hamishmar" in Tel Aviv last night. There was little damage and the blaze was quickly extinguished. A bottle petrol-filled bottle was found near the door to the offices. It was the third attempt to set fire to a newspaper office in Tel Aviv in the last few weeks.

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Fire from over the Syrian border was directed at an Israeli position south of Majdal Shams on the Golan Heights at 7.30 p.m. yesterday. There were no casualties and no fire was returned. Later, at 7.30 a. shell, also from Syria, was fired at Ramat Ha'Golan. There were no casualties.

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Binyenei Ha'ooma

10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Discussion (continuation):
The Jewish People and the Zionist Movement — Challenges and tasks

3 — 5.30 p.m.
Continuation of the discussion

6 — 7.30 p.m.
Reception by the President of the State in the Knesset Building

8.30 — 11 p.m.
Continuation of the discussion
The poet Avraham Slonski
Answers to participants in the dicussion: Arye Pincus
Lecture by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir

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Social and Personal

Fifty journalists, in Israel for the Convention of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists, visited the Hebrew University and were received by its President, Avraham Harman. The Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Gerrit Jan Jongejans, and Mr. Hans Wiegel, head of the Liberal faction in the Dutch Parliament, called on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol in Jerusalem yesterday.

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Father Higgins of the Catholic National Committee in Washington, and Father Flannery of the U.S. Bishops' Conference, Department of Catholic-Jewish Relations, called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday.

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Mr. Joseph Kiarman, the head of Youth Aliya, gave a lunch yesterday at Beit Shalom in honour of Mrs. Chasya Pincus, to celebrate the publication of a Hebrew translation of her book, "Come From the Four Winds."

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The Knesset press corps yesterday held a farewell reception, attended by M.Ks from most factions, for "Yediot Aharonot" parliamentary correspondent Eliahu Amikam.

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IN MEMORIAM

To mark the 24th anniversary of the slaughter of the '35' sent to relieve the Etzion bloc, a ceremony will be held tomorow morning at 10.30 by their grave in the military cemetery on Mount Herzl. Because the anniversary falls on the eve of the Sabbath, there will be no memorial assembly at Netiv Halamed-Heh, nor will the annual '35 Run' take place.

U.N. meeting in Africa to cost $139,500

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The six-day Security Council meeting at Addis Ababa from January 28-February 4, will cost $139,500, a report by a Council sub-committee said yesterday.

The 15-nation body decided in principle on January 11 to meet in an African capital for not more than seven working days. A special group comprising all 15 members was set up to decide the venue, dates and agenda for the African session.

Reporting to the Council, which scheduled a meeting late yesterday afternoon to approve its recommendations, the committee on Council meetings away from headquarters said Addis Ababa finally was chosen because of resident U.N. staff and facilities available there. The Ethiopian capital is also the headquarters of the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa.

The report said in addition to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and his own staff of three, a total of 122 staff members would be assigned from New York for the African meeting.

Atomic cloud appears over West Germany

MUNICH (AP). — A radioactive cloud, apparently from a Chinese nuclear explosion, passed over West Germany in the last 48 hours, the Bavarian State Environmental Ministry reported yesterday.

The Ministry said radioactivity measuring devices in the Bavarian alps registered five to seven on the Piccourie Scale during the night, up from the normal rating of zero. The radioactivity would be considered critical at a reading of 100 on this scale.

Scientists assume that the cloud came from the nuclear blast set off by mainland China on November 16, the Ministry added.

Terrorists to consult first with Beirut Gov't

BEIRUT. — The terrorists have agreed to consult with the Government before launching any strikes from Lebanon against Israel, "Al Anwar" said yesterday.

The newspaper, which has close contacts with the terrorists, said all groups had endorsed the move.

The newspaper said the new agreement "gives Lebanese authorities the right to prevent any planned attack they believe will give Israel a pretext to attack Lebanon." Terrorist sources on Sunday told U.P.I. they had decided to de-escalate activities in the south to deny Israel an excuse for striking at Lebanon.

Meanwhile, security was tightened at Beirut Airport yesterday after the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine threatened B.O.A.C. and K.L.M. with reprisals if they flew delegates to the Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. The warning, from the terrorist group that hijacked four Western airliners in September 1970, appeared in Beirut newspapers yesterday.

Additional security measures have been put into effect at various B.O.A.C. installations throughout the world following receipt of the letter, the airline's spokesman said.

Senator sees more hope in M.-E. talks

WASHINGTON (TNA).—Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.) said on Tuesday that the views of the Israeli and Egyptian governments are not as frozen on prospects for negotiations towards agreement as their public positions would indicate.

Back from a two-week trip to four Middle East countries, the Senator said he found that in talking with President Sadat in Cairo and Prime Minister Golda Meir in Jerusalem, that both say "this matter is negotiable."

He said that apparently Egypt is not as adamant as it appears to be regarding control of the Gulf of Akaba and inferred that President Sadat does not expect Israel to relinquish all the lands it occupied as a result of the Six Day War.

Mr. Bentsen said he was "more hopeful" after his visit than before and declared that he felt there is "room for movement." The U.S., he said, "must play a more aggressive role" in getting Israelis and Arabs into motion to work out their problems. In response to questions on this point, he said that the U.S. Government should approach Dr. Gunnar Jarring for a Middle East settlement, with points of a proposal. The Senator, however, did not specify the points.

Four more Italians atop Colosseum

ROME (Reuter). — Four unemployed Italians climbed to the top of the Colosseum yesterday to stage a protest demanding jobs with the city bus company.

Earlier this week, a street hawker, Dante Ottaviani, set a record of seven days in protest on the 48-metre windy heights of the old circus. He was demanding a street trader's licence from the city council, and it was only after he had received assurances that he would be granted one that he consented to come down.

The practice of staging protests at the top of the Colosseum was begun four years ago by one of Italy's best known protesters, Sardinian Evelino Loi, who has also climbed the dome of St. Peter's to publicise his demands for a job.

There was no immediate indication of whether the bus company was willing to give the men jobs.

Walter Dejaco, left, and Fritz Ertl, right, charged in a Vienna court with murder and complicity in murder for having helped to construct crematoria and gas chambers at Auschwitz. (AP radiophoto)

Nazi architect denies role in Auschwitz

VIENNA (AP). — Austrian architect Walter Dejaco, the main defendant in the first Auschwitz trial in this country, denied yesterday that he was ever involved in the planning and construction of crematoria and gas chambers at the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp.

Dejaco and co-defendant Fritz Ertl, 64, were members of the so-called "Zentralbauleitung" (main construction office) and temporarily served as deputies to the chief construction engineer at Auschwitz, where an estimated 3,000,000 people, mainly Jews, died in gas chambers.

Testifying in court on the second day of the trial Dejaco claimed he only drew up plans for other buildings and a garden area, adding the extermination plants were projected and built by another construction group, directly responsible to the camp command. Dejaco asserted that two men, identified as Bischof and Janisch, played a key role in the construction of the death factory.

The 70-page indictment read in court on Tuesday, however, said the planning division, headed by Dejaco, made plans for at least four crematoria and adjoining gas chambers early in 1942, and that plans for two of the larger crematoria showed Dejaco's signature.

It is understood that the prosecution may call for the maximum life sentence after the trial, scheduled to last for at least seven weeks, ends. Witnesses have been summoned from the Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany.

Taiwan for ties with those having links with Peking

MANILA (UPI). — Nationalist Chinese Foreign Minister Chow Shu-Kai said yesterday Taiwan is willing to maintain ties with friendly nations which have established diplomatic relations with Peking.

Mr. Chow also said there may be some contacts with eastern European countries "unsympathetic with the Chinese Communists" and not opposed to Taiwan.

He told newsmen on arrival for a two-day visit en route home from the inauguration of President William Tolbert of Monrovia that Taiwan has "a system of priorities as to future diplomacy.

"First of all, we should devote our resources more to our friends, and next, I think, to countries which are not Communist but which have relations with Peking. Thirdly, there are so-called Socialist countries which are not in sympathy with the Chinese Communists, and if they are not against us there might be some opportunities for trade, tourism and other contacts."

Croats planned partition

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (Reuter). — Leaders of Croatia's National movement, which President Tito described last month as counter-revolutionary, hoped to create a situation in which Yugoslavia would be partitioned between the Soviet Union and the West, the Zagreb newspaper "Vjesnik" claimed yesterday.

Any attempt at a partition would have turned Yugoslavia into a Vietnam, the newspaper warned.

The nationalists' hopes were based on a false interpretation of a wartime agreement between the then British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and Soviet leader Josef Stalin to divide the spheres of interest in Yugoslavia on a 50-50 basis, "Vjesnik" said.

Soviets building giant new ship, possibly tanker

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Soviet Union is building a huge new ship — its largest ever — and some American naval analysts reportedly believe it may the Russians' first true aircraft carrier.

Pentagon sources said Tuesday, construction has not advanced to the point where an accurate assessment can be made. Their evidence points to either a carrier, a large helicopter carrier, or possibly a super oil tanker.

The ship now under construction — spotted by U.S. reconnaissance satellites — is at the Nikolayev Shipyards on the Black Sea. The intelligence photos indicate a ship of about 30,000 tons, about the size of an American Essex-class carrier. The U.S. Navy's biggest ship, the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise, is about 75,000 tons.

Although carriers have been the backbone of the American Navy for several years, the Soviets have never built a true carrier. The Soviets' helicopter carriers are used as combination guided missile cruisers and anti-submarine vessels.

Cables in brief

PIPELINE. — The U.S. Export-Import Bank will help finance a feasibility study for a natural gas pipeline in Algeria. The bank announced a direct credit of $524,115 to finance 42.1 per cent of the U.S. costs of a study for a pipeline to transport natural gas from Algeria to markets in Europe.

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VISIT. — Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie was given a tumultuous welcome when he arrived in Lagos yesterday from Freetown to begin a five-day state visit at the invitation of the Nigerian Federal Government.

Sino-Japan ties worry the Soviets

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union revealed high-level concern yesterday about Japan's move to normalize relations with China.

Apprehension about the growing ties between Peking and Tokyo despite an absence of diplomatic relations was expressed by Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny to Kenzo Kano, a chairman of Japan's Upper House.

In his talks with Mr. Kano, Mr. Podgorny displayed an interest in the increasing number of visits being paid to China by Japanese business and political leaders, the Japanese parliamentarian said.

At a new conference, Mr. Kano said he told Mr. Podgorny that the development of relations between Japan and China should be viewed in the context of peace in Asia. Japan, he said, felt it necessary to promote these relations.

Mr. Podgorny, who raised the matter, according to Mr. Kano's account, then remarked that Russia felt it was "normal" for Japan to regularize its relations with Peking. But he stressed that the Soviet Union hoped that any Sino-Japanese rapprochement would not be directed against any third country, Mr. Kano reported.

Peking rejects Soviet plan for arms cut parley

HONGKONG (Reuter). — China yesterday rejected a Soviet proposal to convene a world disarmament conference, and reiterated its own call for a meeting to discuss the banning and destruction of nuclear weapons.

An article in the official Peking "People's Daily" said the Chinese favoured a "genuine disarmament." It went on: "But we are resolutely against all kinds of frauds of the two super-powers of covering up their arms expansion and launching of aggression by empty talks of disarmament."

The article, by the paper's "Commentator" — believed to be a high-ranking official — was commenting on a speech earlier this month by the Soviet U.N. representative, Mr. Jacob Malik.

Basques hold man for ransom

BILBAO, Spain (Reuter). — Four armed men believed to be members of a Basque separatist group yesterday kidnapped a 44-year-old businessman and threatened to kill him unless a company of which he is a director agreed to labour reforms.

Earlier reports had indicated that the kidnappers' deadline would expire at 8 a.m. today.

Nkrumah 'invited' to face trial in Ghana

ACCRA (Reuter). — Ghana's former President Kwame Nkrumah, currently in exile in Guinea, is free to return home, provided he agrees to answer charges following his overthrow in 1966, the country's new leader, Colonel Ignatius Acheampong, said here yesterday.

Speaking to foreign correspondents, the man who led last Thursday's successful coup against Prime Minister Dr. Kofi Busia declined to discuss the possibility of an amnesty for the ex-President, and emphasized that he had not invited him to Ghana.

Asked about rumours that Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny had sent him a written message on the rejection of political asylum in Abidjan for Dr. Busia, the Colonel said, "whatever message I received is confidential and cannot be revealed."

Colonel Acheampong said his new military regime—headed by a National Redemption Council (N.R.C.) consisting of 12 members — recognized the grave economic situation facing the country, and experts had been appointed to present a report.

He said the N.R.C. was "national in character," and that a wing of civilian commissioners will be appointed to take charge of the various ministries. Colonel Acheampong declined to reveal the extent of the frozen assets of Dr. Busia — "we need time to make the estimate," he said.

The Colonel said he had sent doctors to various prisons where "political detainees" of the banned Progress Party were being held, and that anyone found to be unfit "will be discharged from custody."

Meanwhile Dr. Busia was yesterday reported ill and confined to bed at his home in the village of Standlake near the University city of Oxford. A spokesman said the former Premier, toppled by a coup in Accra while in London for eye treatment, would not see anyone for the next few days.

Busia came to this village on Tuesday from the Ivory Coast, the spokesman said. The spokesman said Mrs. Busia was still in Ghana.

$250,000 cost of jumbo birthday party

PARIS (Reuter). — Fifty is a landmark in any man's life, and American art dealer Reese Palley is throwing a $250,000m. transatlantic "jumbo" party to prove it.

Mr. Palley, from Atlantic City, is chartering two Boeing 747 jumbo jets and taking over practically the whole of a Paris luxury hotel to make sure that he and his friends celebrate his birthday in style. Officials at Orly airport here said yesterday that Mr. Palley and some 700 revellers were due to arrive in Paris this morning aboard the two massive Pan-American jets — the biggest charter arrival anyone can remember here.

The party will make its way to the 1,000-bed Inter-Continental Hotel just off the elegant Rue de Rivoli, where it will stay until Sunday. A spokesman there said a total of 737 people were expected.

We'll retaliate for U.S. property seizures — Nixon

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Nixon announced yesterday that the U.S. will retaliate against foreign governments that seize private American property without payment by cutting off aid and opposing loans from the World Bank and other agencies.

Mr. Nixon outlined his policy concerning expropriation of private property in a four-point statement issued by the White House. No specific nation was cited by the President, but the Government of Chile has recently expropriated American-owned copper mines and the new Pakistan Government of President Ali Bhutto has recently announced nationalization of some private industry, although American investments have not been affected.

Mr. Nixon said under international law the U.S. has a right to expect that private property will be taken only for a public purpose and that U.S. citizens "will receive prompt, adequate and effective compensation from the expropriating country."

The World Bank and other international development agencies use a voting system based on financial contributions which makes it possible for the U.S. to veto virtually any project it opposes.

U.S.-Soviet trade talks to continue

WASHINGTON (AP). — Trade talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union wound up yesterday with both sides agreeing that more talks are needed, along with an improvement in the political climate between the two countries.

The discussions, which began on January 6, amounted to "exploratory talks covering possibilities for increased rates and greater encouragement of U.S. business participation in major industrial projects within the Soviet Union," a communique said.

The talks dealt mainly with identifying Soviet products that American consumers would want to buy, identifying American products which could be sold in Russia, procedures for market research, methods for speeding up the commercial transfer of technology, and opportunities for participation by U.S. firms in major Soviet development projects.

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Egypt to resume Rumanian relations

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt has decided to resume diplomatic relations with Rumania at ambassadorial level by appointing Osman Asal as Cairo's Ambassador to Bucharest, the newspaper "Al Ahram," reported yesterday.

Asal, who is a former Ambassador to Guinea, is currently in Cairo for consultations, "Al Ahram" said.

Egypt withdrew its Ambassador to Rumania in 1969 following the Israel-Rumanian agreement to raise their diplomatic relations to ambassadorial level.

Indian troops may quit Bangla Desh in March

NEW DELHI. — India is expected to withdraw all its forces from Bangla Desh by the end of March. The Indian Government is understood to have made the decision in the belief that Sheikh Mujib's Government has the law and order situation well under control.

The threat to the Beharis, the non-Bengali population, has declined, and food is getting to them in the pockets they are now limited to through the Red Cross.

The worry is the general food situation. Harvests have not been brought in and, in some areas, no sowing has been done. India is sending Bangla Desh a million tons of rice, and large quantities of sugar, salt, oil seeds and fertilizers for rehabilitation of a nation ravaged by the revolt against Pakistan and by the war.

Sources here indicated yesterday that India would reject any proposal for U.N. observers along the Western cease-fire line established after last month's war. The Foreign Ministry refused comment on news reports from Rawalpindi that Pakistan probably would accept observers. A spokesman said the Indian Government was aware of the reports but that comment would be inappropriate until a formal proposal was made.

The sources said, however, that the Government considers the Pakistani position an effort to bring an unwarranted third party into the situation concerning only India and Pakistan. They said that if Pakistan or any other country requested observers from the U.N. Security Council, India would reject it as unnecessary.

A Pakistani spokesman indicated in Rawalpindi yesterday that his Government might ask the Security Council to station observers along the border because of alleged violations by India of the Security Council's cease-fire. (AP, Reuter)

Oil firms, producers seen reaching accord

GENEVA (Reuter). — Major Western oil companies and oil producing states appeared last night to be inching towards agreement on compensation for Persian Gulf oil exporters to offset the effects of devaluation of the dollar.

Mr. Jashmid Amouzegar, Iranian Finance Minister, said: "We expect an agreement satisfactory to both sides." He was speaking to reporters after ministers of the 11 OPEC states had met for two hours yesterday afternoon to discuss a new offer presented to them by the companies' five-man negotiating team when negotiations were resumed yesterday morning.

Mr. George Piercy, a director of Standard Oil of New Jersey who heads the companies' negotiating team, told reporters his team's new proposal took the form of a modification of the OPEC demand last week for increases of 8.57 per cent in Gulf oil export prices. He declined to give figures and when asked whether the proposal met the 8.57 per cent demand, replied: "We are trying to narrow our differences."

Informed sources said the team handed to the OPEC ministers yesterday a draft copy of an agreement on the lines of the company proposal.

The sources added that the companies had moved away somewhat from their previous suggestion that increases should be based on inflation and currency fluctuation index and towards the OPEC demand for flat percentage increases.

Mr. Nadim Pachachi, OPEC Secretary-General, told reporters the second round of talks, due to have begun today, has been postponed until tomorrow. This second round is due to deal with the request of Gulf producers for greater participation in exploitation of their oil. It was originally scheduled for January 20 on the presumption that the dollar devaluation issue, on which talks began on January 10, would be out of the way by then.

S.W. African tribes on strike

GROOTFONTEIN, South West Africa (AP). — Negotiations got under way here yesterday aimed at settling a strike by 13,000 Ovambo tribesmen which has crippled the economy of South West Africa.

Michel Botha, Minister of Bantu (African) Administration, led a government delegation from Pretoria which was expected to make several concessions to the disgruntled Ovambos.

Grootfontein is south of the tribal reservation of Ovamboland and is the main processing centre for Ovambo men going to or from jobs as contract labourers. The contract labour system, which the U.N. says is similar to slavery, caused the massive work stoppage.

Turkish Premier arrives in Paris

PARIS (Reuter). — Turkish Prime Minister Nihat Erim arrived here yesterday for talks with President Georges Pompidou and other French leaders aimed at increasing his country's trade with France and the enlarged Common Market.

"Relations between France and Turkey are excellent, and I expect to develop them further," he said.

Dr. Erim, who was greeted at the airport by French Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas, will also review the situation in the Mediterranean, the Arab-Israeli conflict and arrangements for a European security conference.

The 28th Zionist Congress

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Mordechai Bar-On, Avraham Harman, Eli Schweid and Vladimir Zaretsky discuss the direction of Zionism and the tasks faced by the Zionist Congress in a special Jerusalem Post round-table discussion. On the cover, (shown above), photographer Benjamin's impression of the Congress.

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Mao pictures vanish in S'hai

SHANGHAI (Reuter).—Giant portraits of Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung and hoardings depicting revolutionary themes alongside the Whangpoo River have disappeared as preparations continued in Shanghai yesterday for the visit of President Nixon next month.

In place of the hoardings, which obscured the view of the busy river with its ocean going freighters and junks, dozens of palm trees have been planted in the riverside park.

The facelift has brightened up the once glittering heart of Shanghai, China's biggest city. The city's industrial exhibition, the showpiece for China's industry which was seen earlier this month by the Nixon advance party, has now been closed according to official sources.

It will reopen before the arrival of President Nixon, who will visit Shanghai after his talks in Peking with Chinese leaders.

Outside the Peace Hotel — formerly Sir Victor Sassoon's busy Cathay Hotel — workmen with brushes and water were yesterday erasing a slogan with the 2.4 metre high characters spelling out: "Long live invincible Mao Tse-tung thought."

Other red-painted slogans in the city's main streets were also being erased.

This and the removal of pictures of Chairman Mao from in front of the former merchant houses in the Bund, the city's famous riverside commercial street, was not seen as indicative of political change.

Chairman Mao said last year that the personality cult would gradually be diminished.

Foreigners who ask about the facelift are told it is for the spring festival — the communist name for the lunar new year—which falls on February 15, six days before Mr. Nixon's arrival in China.

However, frequent visitors to Shanghai say such beautifying activity is unprecedented.

Shanghai is the perfect venue for the Chinese to give President and Mrs. Nixon a picture of China "then and now."

It was once a city of great extremes of rich and poor — and a hotbed of vice — but gone for ever are the gambling and opium dens, rickshaws and prostitutes, along with the exclusive foreign clubs and the opulent shops.

Today, everyone is self-evidently if unimaginatively well-clad and there are no signs of hunger or beggars.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR THE KING OF DENMARK

Following the death of His Majesty King Frederik IX, The Danish Church Abroad (Dansk Kirke i Udlandet) will hold a Memorial service under the patronage of His Excellency the Royal Danish Ambassador at St. Andrew's Scottish Church in Jerusalem on Monday, January 24, 1972, at 11 a.m.

The Memorial Service will be conducted in Danish by the Danish pastor in Israel, Reverend Keld Norup, Jerusalem.

EDWARD Z. BINENSZTOK announces with sorrow the passing of his beloved father

JOSEPH BINENSZTOK

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KALMAN LEVIN ז"ל

(Director of Northern Regional Office of the Ministry of Absorption)

and extend their deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

MINTOFF'S MALTESE LOGIC

Don't underestimate him. He knows exactly what he's doing

By LAURENCE MARKS

VALLETTA (Ofms). — FOR a populist leader, Malta's Dom Mintoff is curiously retiring. He is a short, bespectacled figure, visible recently mostly through a car window when being whisked in and out of Parliament. He ducks official receptions and likes playing bowls with his friends on Sundays.

The preoccupation with his complex personality and highly individual style of diplomacy, together with the British Government's unconcealed exasperation with his rough tactics, seem to have obscured the political logic of his bargaining position. The picture painted in some British quarters of a cantankerous Anglophobe panting to welcome the Soviet fleet to replace the Royal Navy is unrecognizable to most people who know him.

After 13 years in opposition, Mr. Mintoff's Labour Party returned to power last June on a programme of dynamic economic management infused by the energy and ability of its leader. Faced with a recession in tourism and the textile industry, and with the bursting of the property bubble after the ineptly-timed announcement of a betterment levy and capital gains tax, many Maltese felt that Dr. George Borg Olivier's Nationalist Government had lost its grip. It was attacked by Mr. Mintoff for borrowing at high interest rates and allowing tax incentives to lure to the island ill-managed small businesses which then ran into difficulties.

Economic plans

His own policy was to expand and diversify industry by State participation in large-scale enterprises, giving Malta more control over its economic fortunes and freeing it from its dependence on the British economy.

Enough of the traditionally conservative business and professional class swung to Labour to give Mr. Mintoff a slender 1.5 per cent majority on an election turnout of well over 90 per cent. They were voting for energetic government.

The size of his majority — one seat — is unimportant. In the quarter of century since he became general secretary of the Labour Party he has built an almost impregnable powerbase in the local Labour Club committees. On an island composed of small, self-conscious communities, membership of these committees confers local status and influence. It would be extremely difficult for a rival to break this Mintoffian support. And since June he has made many appointments in the public service. He is a machine politician worthy of Boston or Chicago. Only a split in the parliamentary party could bring him down, and this is discounted by almost everyone in opposition to judge.

To some of Mr. Mintoff's opponents his rejection before Christmas of the £9,500,000 offered as rent for the British bases looked like the act of a man who could not recognize a political triumph when he had won it. Since he was risking about £30 million worth of British spending in Malta and, directly and indirectly, the jobs of between 9,000 and 14,000 Maltese, he was represented as a leader whose judgment was clouded by resentment or ideological obsession.

With the £9,500,000, plus borrowing, the Maltese economy could continue to trundle along with its chronic under-employment and heavy emigration. But if Mr. Mintoff's political programme is to have any chance of showing results before the end of the five-year Parliament, the new Government needs every pound it can get, not for current expenditure — the country's bankruptcy is regarded with scepticism by his opponents — but for long-term industrial expansion.

'The only way'

And, having rejected high-interest loans and ruled out an increase in taxation, the money had to come from auctioning Malta's one natural asset — the political embarrassment of allowing its bases to fall to the Warsaw Pact nations. "What you have to understand about Mintoff," says a Nationalist M.P., "is that in his heart of hearts he is pro-British. Remember, he's the man who wanted integration (of Malta with Britain) and he has decided to fight the British according to British rules. He thinks he must be rough and tough with them.

"He has created this crisis to get the money he needs. He wants to make Malta a socialist State. Don't underestimate him. He knows exactly what he's doing. He wants an agreement with the British Government. I've the highest respect for him. He's got the guts to pull it off."

This fairly reflects the equivocal attitude of many of Mr. Mintoff's opponents, who are frightened by his brinkmanship and by his authoritarian tendencies — but admire his nerve.

'Plot' to poison Chicago's water

CHICAGO (Reuter). — The police have seized teen-aged members of an underground group which allegedly planned to poison the city's water supply with disease-carrying bacteria.

Two youths—Allan Schwander, 19, of Chicago, and Steven Pera, 18, of Evanston, Illinois — were arrested in a basement apartment on Chicago's North Side on Tuesday and were charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Both are reportedly members and organizers of a group called "Rise" which, according to officials, intended to establish a "new master race" by poisoning water supplies but immunizing its own members.

State Attorney Edward Hanrahan said investigations revealed that Rise allegedly planned poisoning water supplies and spreading deadly diseases in Illinois and elsewhere.

However, officials emphasized that no water supplies had been tampered with.

Raid on flat

When police raided Schwander's apartment they allegedly found bacterial cultures and bottles of botulism organisms, which cause food poisoning.

The two were ordered held on $250,000 bail until a hearing on January 26.

F.B.I. agents and local police were reported to be hunting other members of Rise in the Midwest. Unconfirmed reports said four other members were being sought in Chicago and Illinois.

The head of the Chicago water department's purification division, said there was no known substance that could poison the water system.

Hussein: war should be last resort

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan has reiterated that his country is not willing to be dragged into another war.

In an interview with the Dutch television (shown on the Jordanian state television on Tuesday night) Hussein said: "War, we believe, should be the last resort, if our rights are not achieved and a just and honourable peace is not attained."

Hussein said Jordan has agreed to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East on the basis of the Security Council November 1967 resolution.

'Pressures on Jordan'

The king referred to what he described as pressures on Jordan, and said "Many sides aim at destroying national unity (between Jordanians and Palestinians) in the country. Maybe some people think the problem would be less difficult if Palestine were Israeli. This could have been attainable before 1948 (before Israel was established). But we believe that we have no alternative but to do our utmost to restore occupied territory and rescue the people there, and then allow them freedom of choice as far as their future is concerned."

Hussein accused Arab leaders hostile to Jordanian positions of "reflecting all the contradictions in the world."

Such leaders "have no right to claim they are true Palestinians, or that they represent the Palestinian people."

An African youth shouts defiantly as he stands on a smouldering pile of goods in the Monomatapa Township, in Gwelo, Rhodesia, during Tuesday's riots. Members of the British Pearce Commission were in Gwelo to test African opinion on the Anglo-Rhodesian proposals for a settlement of the Rhodesian issue. (AP radiophoto)

'Israel survival depends on the Soviets'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Israel should be able to survive, provided the arms balance with the Arab states is maintained and provided the Soviet Union did not become directly involved in any conflict, Democratic Senator Stuart Symington said yesterday.

"Despite all its problems, provided this nation continues to be sold modern weaponry by the U.S., Israel should be able to survive against the radical Arab states, unless the increased presence of the Soviet military in the United Arab Republic, plus the location of medium bombers and the most modern of all planes, the MIG-23 (Foxbat) in Egypt with Soviet pilots, means the latter country plans to become directly involved," he said.

His comments were contained in an interim report on a month-long visit he recently made to 13 Middle East, Asian and European countries. He is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.

Report alleges another 'My Lai massacre'

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A journalist who won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting of the My Lai killings in South Vietnam now says that on the same day other American troops committed a similar massacre in the nearby village of My Khe 4.

Seymour Hersh, in the first of two articles in the "New Yorker" magazine, also claims that an Army criminal investigation report shows as many as 347 civilians were killed at My Lai — much higher than the original estimates of about 200.

The articles are based, Hersh said, on an unpublished transcript of testimony given to an Army commission, headed by Lieut.-Gen. William Peers, which investigated the My Lai incident. A Pentagon spokesman refused comment.

Hersh wrote that on the same day — March 16, 1968 — that Charlie Company of the American Division's 11th Brigade was attacking My Lai, Bravo Company hit My Khe 4 about two and a half kilometres away. "Precisely how many residents of My Khe 4 were slain will never be known," Hersh wrote. He quoted estimates which ranged from 60 to 155.

"The incident at My Khe 4 would perhaps be just another Vietnam atrocity story if it weren't for four facts: its vital connection with the My Lai tragedy; the American public's ignorance of it; the total, detailed knowledge of it among the (Lieut-Gen.) Peers investigators, the department of the Army and higher Pentagon officials; and the failure of any of these agencies to see that the men involved were prosecuted," Hersh said.

He noted in the article that a first lieutenant was charged with involvement in the deaths of 20 civilians, but the charges were later dismissed without a hearing.

Hersh said that Bravo Company had lost a first lieutenant and seven men to mines and booby traps in an abortive attack against My Lai 1, one of the hamlets forming the village of Son My, and then came upon My Khe 4.

Reports varied, but witnesses described soldiers pouring machine-gun fire into the straw huts, throwing grenades and firing single rounds directly at civilians.

In Saigon a U.S. Command spokesman read the following statement when asked about the allegations: "As you know, the Calley case is still under review and we will have no comment on any aspects of it."

Vietcong raid on cities expected

SAIGON (UPI). — The scores of Allied officers in South Vietnam, who are paid to think like Vietcong, believe there will be another Tet offensive next month.

The focus of massive Communist assaults will be in the Central Highlands, intelligence officers believe, where perhaps 15,000 North Vietnamese soldiers will attempt to overrun whole cities for the Vietcong flag and kill Americans.

The Saigon area and population centres just below the demilitarized zone in South Vietnam's far North also will see heavy fighting, according to the best guesses of the intelligence officers.

"They're going to try to put the Vietcong flag over Kontum (a provincial capital 420 kms. north of Saigon) and possibly Pleiku (another provincial capital 50 kms to the south), said one American officer stationed in the Western Highlands.

"Perhaps the enemy is ready to attack us at Tet," which falls on February 15, said Lt.-Gen. Ngo Dzu, commander of the entire Highlands region, known as 11 Corps. "They are preparing for a big attack."

All the signs intelligence officers look for are there:

Main force troops have been lying low since January 1, apparently for final training and equipment checks.

South Vietnamese ambushes against small Vietcong supply units have been increasingly effective, meaning the communist guerrilla forces are moving more and more, setting out food and ammunition at forward locations.

Recent defectors to the Government in the Highlands have claimed that Vietcong local forces have been ordered to join North Vietnamese main forces for a coming battle.

Local force units have been told to quit the rice farms they have tended for up to three years to "start training," Gen. Dzu said. Captured documents, prisoners and defectors all report that various Vietcong headquarters have ordered stepped-up propaganda efforts among the population.

The intelligence officers speculate that a communist offensive at this time would — as in 1968 — have the aim of shocking American public opinion to the point where Washington would be forced to abandon Vietnam, militarily and politically.

KEEPING POSTED

WE met an old acquaintance from past Zionist Congresses. "This will be a historic occasion," he proposed, with a hint of the pomposiness that quickly overtakes even the younger and more revolutionary minded delegates to Congresses. It always is, we countered. There has never been a Congress without a crisis. What had he in mind? That there might be peace talks before the next Congress comes around? The arrival of the Russian Jews?

The chance of peace, he said, that is the heart of the matter. The Russians are just a step on the way, not so remarkable mainly because it had long been held to be impossible to get them out. He then exclaimed: "I personally will not consider our dispute with the Soviets settled until we can hold a Congress in Moscow one year."

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WE were invited to eat a dinner cooked, or so we had understood, by two professors who decided they preferred cooking to science. When we arrived at a small flat in King George Avenue, in Jerusalem, it was not quite like that. A young man at the kitchen door introduced himself as Jerry, though that is not his name, and said that, actually, he was a research worker at the Weizmann Institute, a recent newcomer from the U.S. "But even a single man cannot live on what they pay... so as I am interested in cooking I decided to set up a catering service specialising in Far Eastern food." His partner is a Jerusalem girl. She spent some time in Holland, where she made friends with an Indonesian family. She taught them how to make things like *fslafel*, and they showed her Indonesian cooking. It did not look like the *rystafel*, the bowl of rice with small dishes of spicy foods to go with it, in our Oriental cook book.

"Food offered here, after all, is terrible," they said. We agreed, a little reluctantly, that it tended to be dull, greasy and poorly cooked. "Of course, all the products here are terrible," he said; "you can never get what you want." Here I was happy to be able to disagree and observed that while we have vegetables only in season, they are supremely fresh and good. Had he ever been to the market? No? He promised to try the market in future, a lot cheaper too, for caterers, we said. Didn't we think people would like to order this Indonesian food for parties they had at home? We said we thought the egg rolls approximately Chinese style — had been very good (recipe secret, Nitza said, but we judge the main secret to have been plenty of parsley), but that people in Jerusalem were sadly conservative in their tastes and that nobody we knew had enough money to spend to have a whole party catered at IL25 or IL30 a head. Tel Aviv, surely, was the place to try to build up a clientele? Well, they had had an advertisement (in this paper) and of the six answers received two had been from the swinging city. The tiny meat balls in a spicy sauce were good too, actually. The best bargain might be to get yourself invited to a party that they have catered.

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ONE of our correspondents with strong feelings about bus drivers has two good ideas. One is, perhaps, less than charitable. Every bus driver should be required to display his photograph, name and identity number inside and outside the bus, in a place where it is easy to read. The other is that there should be

some form of public recognition for those drivers who do a good job "and who are polite and helpful, often under conditions that would try the patience of a heroic saint." Easy. A laurel wreath over the picture.

Today's contributors include S. Berg, Haifa.

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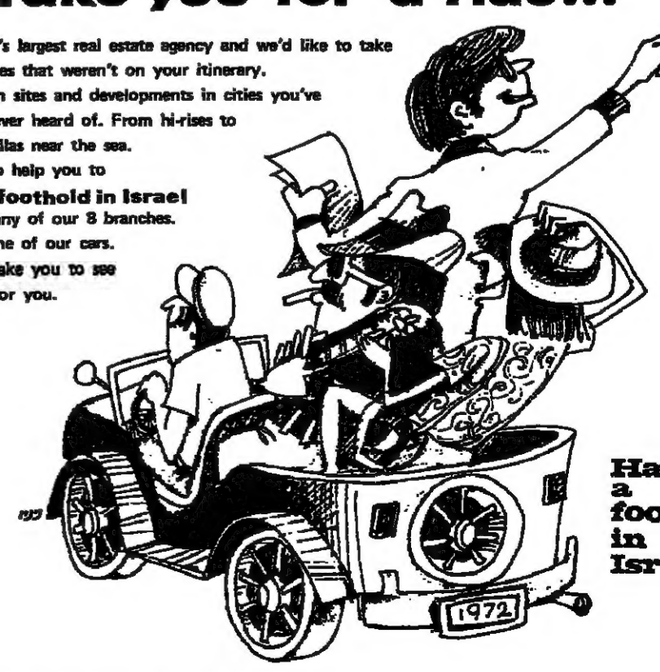

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Readers' letters

INDUSTRIALIZED HOUSING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Regarding your editorial of December 28 on the need to encourage and assist the development of an industrialized housing industry in Israel, I join in the exhortation.

As an architect who has recently come to Israel specifically to work on this method of housing production, I would like to reiterate the problem in its broader context. It would be an error if, in the quest for quantity and expediency, we were to forego the opportunity to manipulate the design of our housing systems so that, in addition to providing shelter, they satisfy a larger range of human needs. Cultural assimilation is a process replete with social and cultural problems for all of the participants. The proper design of the physical environment can do more than merely ameliorate these problems. It can, in fact, assist in the realization of the idea of "community" by materializing the sequence of spaces in which such situations and relationships as constitute community can develop.

Industrialized housing in Israel is relatively new. It can be a fresh start. We must take this opportunity to develop a new and more incisive approach to the design of habitat in a multi-dimensional manner which respects the complex and non-static nature of Israel's housing problem.

R.M. OXMAN
Ulpan Bat Galim

Haifa, December 28.

START ON THE VERY RICH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — If we grant that it is necessary to cut back on immigrant privileges (which in itself is debatable), there would seem to me a *logical approach* to any cutback. A temporary resident generally gets all the benefits of an immigrant without any of the responsibilities. *He does not face the draft or reserve military duties*, as a major example. So my recommendation, if there need be cut-backs to new immigrants, *would be to start with* temporary residents, and other groups, such as the very, very rich who have villas here and only live *in them two to three months a year.*

LAURENCE A. OTTENSTEIN

Tel Aviv, January 10.

THE ILP AND MR. SHAPIRO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your headline of January 10, "ILP call for Shapiro to resign," according to which the Independent Liberal Party appears to be demanding the resignation of the Minister of Justice, is liable to mislead many of your readers into believing that the Party had adopted such a stand.

As a matter of fact, one or two members of the Executive did make such a demand, on the grounds that they believed the Minister of Justice had mishandled the Netivel Neft affair and should draw the proper conclusions. But Party President and former Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, Chairman of the Knesset ILP faction Gideon Hausner, M.K., Member of Knesset Y. Golan and others opposed this call on the ground that there was no justification for such an extreme stand against the Minister of Justice.

GIDEON NAOR,
Spokesman and Secretary of the Knesset ILP Faction.

Tel Aviv, January 11.

Reckless disdain of Sabbath

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Yesterday, Sabbath, I witnessed in Bayit Vegan something very disconcerting. In this religious community, mothers were strolling with baby carriages and children played on Rehov Hapisga, which is a dead end. Within 10 minutes, the following happened: a boy and girl came riding through in a car and as the children called out, "Sabbath!" He swerved his car jauntily at them, went to the dead end, turned and repeated his circus driving, finally leaving Bayit Vegan. A few moments later, a second car entered. A teenage boy told the driver when he stopped that it was a dead end. He started going backwards, losing control, swerved and jammed on his brakes, just missing a woman. A third car came through a half hour later at full speed, blasting his horn as pedestrians jumped out of his way.

About a year ago, the residents of Bayit Vegan presented a petition to the Mayor and traffic officials requesting the closing of Hapisga Street to vehicular traffic on Sabbath. In response to this petition, two street signs were put up at the entrance of Hapisga Street, requesting drivers to respect the religious feelings of the community by refraining from entering on Sabbath. One of these signs was torn off by hooligans and the other quickly ignored.

I call on the Mayor and public officials to stop the flow of traffic from entering Hapisga Street on the Sabbath to avert the possibility *of serious injury and larger to life.*

YOSEF YAFEE

Jerusalem, December 12.

Jerusalem Municipality replies:

The Department of Public Relations of the Municipality put up two signs instead of the usual one at the entrance to Bayit Began, requesting drivers not to enter the quarter on Sabbath. We are planning to put up shortly an additional sign at the entrance to Tora Ve'Avoda Street at the Kiryat Hayovel end. We will also put a traffic arrow on one of the two signs in Holland Square at the entrance to Hapisga Street to indicate the way to Hadassah and thus prevent cars from entering the quarter by mistake.

Of course, such signs are no guarantee that no driver will enter the quarter on Sabbath. Moreover, the *Municipality has no control on the* individual behaviour of drivers.

The eventual closing of Hapisga Street on Sabbath is not under the *jurisdiction of the Municipality*, but of the Ministry of Transport, which is not willing to put up a no-entry sign for traffic reasons.

YITZHAK GROSSMANN
Spokesman

Jerusalem, January 3.

ORTHODOX REFORM OF JUDAISM NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The appeal of Rabbi L. I. Rabinowitz (December 27) to all observant Jews who accept the discipline and the authority of the *Halacha*, but who believe that there is room within the framework of the *Halacha* for a more lenient interpretation, is bound to fail because it is contradictory in its contents.

I am sure that Rabbi Rabinowitz has the ardent desire to find solutions for problems like autopsies, volunteering of girls, *mamzerim*, etc. These problems arose as the result of the belief of the eternity and truth of the Tora, which is shared by Rabbi Rabinowitz, and therefore can he hardly called "extremistic and fanatic" as he did. How can Rabbi Rabinowitz fight an orthodox stand if he himself believes that *Halacha* is the expression of God's will and therefore unchangeable?!

I personally feel that something fundamental should be done, without subterfuges. It demands a very great degree of courage to admit that our religion, during the last 2,000 years *or so, followed some wrong paths.* However, without a brave, bold attitude filled with love for the prophetic mission of our people, our Jewish heritage is bound to continue to wither.

Is orthodox Jewry in Israel strong enough to undertake the formidable task of a reform in Judaism?

AHARON WAINBERG-CARMELI

Haifa, December 27.

NAME OF ZAIRE PRESIDENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your report, "Mobuto may take warrior name" (January 11), I wish to point out that the Reuter text is not a faithful reflection of the interview which President Mobutu gave to the Zaire News Agency. The President *of the Republic has always been* called "Sese-Seko-Kuku-Ngbendu-Wa-Za-Banga" — it is not a new name. His mother always called him so. Moreover, as the President pointed out, i.e., in his interview, Mobutu, in his tribe, is synonymous with Sese and means land. Therefore, when he goes to his village, he is called either Mobutu or Sese, which mean exactly the same.

COLONEL L. J. BOTETI.
Ambassador of the Republic of Zaire

Jerusalem, January 12.

ISSTA PROMISES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — From your report of December 31 on the new ISSTA office premises, it might appear that the Ministry of Tourism was going to cover the expenses of converting the premises. In fact, the Ministry of Tourism will help by granting us the usual loan for improvements.

ALEX GUR-ARIE, Manager
ISSTA

Tel Aviv, January 9.

TWO SECRETARIES IN JERUSALEM

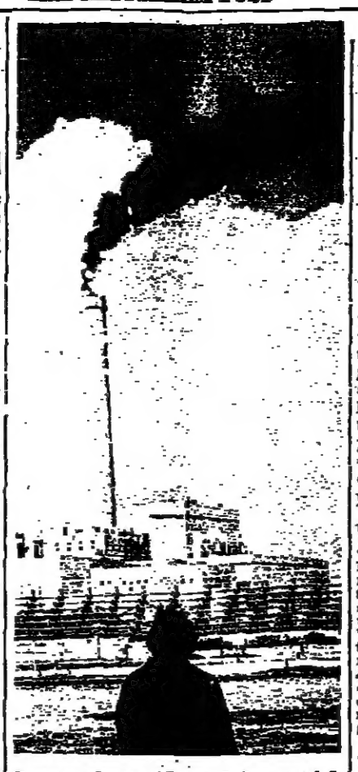
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to Dr. Walter Eytan's article, "The quiet Caballero" (December 31), we wish to point out that some printing error occurred between the bottom of the first column and the top of the second column and that the two secretaries mentioned in the first column by Dr. Eytan were not those referred to at the top of column two. As a matter of fact, the two secretaries who came with the advance party of the Truce Commission left at the first opportunity when they found out that the secretarial job was a dangerous one.

Therefore, we two old-time Jerusalem residents got the job and did all the work required, including secretarial work, part-time bookkeeping, housekeeping, buying, cooking (even baking bread as there was none to be got), cleaning, etc. We did this under very trying conditions, as the sniper in the tower of the Y.M.C.A. was constantly trying to pick us off. We are very proud of the work we did and it is only for diplomatic and state reasons that we cannot tell the whole story.

E.W. and I.G. — formerly A.T.S.
(Names and addresses supplied)

Jerusalem, January 9.



Soccer players down below watch as the Reading D power station in Tel Aviv shoots off its black refuse into the sky. (Assaf Kuttin)

Pedlar jailed for assault on official

TEL AVIV. — Magistrate Menahem Ilan this week sentenced a Tel Aviv pedlar to four and half months' imprisonment for assaulting Tel Aviv's chief municipal inspector, Ya'acov Kanner. The judge also gave the pedlar, Yitzhak Mashiah, a five-month suspended sentence.

The prosecutor told the court that on December 28 Mashiah walked into Kanner's office on Rehov Idelson and complained that he was not satisfied with the location of his stall. He became unruly, struck a secretary, and then hit Mr. Kanner on the head with a chair.

Defence Counsel M. Razi said his client, a father of six, regretted his action. Mr. Razi also presented Mr. Kanner himself as a defence witness. Mr. Kanner recounted the events in his office on the day of the attack and told the judge that Mr. Mashiah, in the past, had always behaved properly in dealings with him.

After Judge Ilan read out the sentence, Mrs. Mashiah started shouting and crying, and it took police and court attendants an hour to calm her down.

Mr. Kanner who insisted on strict enforcement of the city licensing ordinances, became unpopular among certain Tel Aviv pedlars and small businessmen. Last August a bomb went off in his apartment in Givatayim.

He has since resigned from the post.

Hebrew Univ. appointments

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem announces the promotion of Dr. Lisa Heller (geology) to full professor and of Mr. Josef Tal (musicology) to associate professor.

The University also announces the appointment to full professor of Dr. Isadore Periman (chemistry and archeometry); to visiting professor: Dr. David H. Lapkin (School for Overseas Students and American Studies) and Dr. Emanuel Mazor (geology — Faculty of Agriculture); and to senior lecturer: Dr. Ruth Gallily (immunology), Dr. Haim Levy (business administration), Dr. Medad Schiller (pediatric surgery), Dr. Moshe Weinfeld (Bible), Dr. M. Ron Wexler (plastic surgery), and Dr. Israel Yelvin (Hebrew philology).

The following have been appointed lecturers: Drs. Uri Almagor (sociology), Tamar Breznitz (psychology), Ted Friedgut (Russian studies), Yigal Ginath (psychiatry), Avraham Halbreich (biochemistry), Joseph Heller (international relations and contemporary Jewry), Yehoash Hirshberg (musicology), Ehud Katz (virology), Jacob Lerner (psychiatry), Abraham Margaliot (contemporary Jewry), Anita Mittwoch (English), Marina Ratner (mathematics), Uzi Ritte (genetics), Omry Ronen (comparative literature and Russian studies), Moshe Tal (agricultural botany — Faculty of Agriculture), Morris Teubal (economics), Moshe Tsurnamal (zoology), Nekdimon Umiel (genetics — Faculty of Agriculture), Martin Van Creveld (history), Eleanor Wolf (physical medicine and rehabilitation), and Amazia Zimber (animal physiology — Faculty of Agriculture).

Leave pay 'bonus' for shift workers

In the Supreme Court sitting as High Court of Justice
Before the Deputy President (Justices Sussman) Justices Berinson, Witkon, Manny and Kahn.
Haifa Refineries Ltd. Petitioner,
v.
National Labour Tribunal
Eliezer Hillel, Respondents
(H.C. 148/71).

LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin
Thursday, January 20, 1972

Revolutionary decision includes shift-work employment in leave pay

The High Court of Justice discharged a writ of *certiorari* against the National Labour Tribunal.

The Haifa Refineries petitioned the High Court of Justice for a writ of *certiorari* against the National Labour Tribunal on the grounds that they had handed down a decision which was erroneous in law, when they held that the vacation pay owing to the second respondent — a salaried shift worker — should be based on the basic pay earned by him plus the increment paid him for shift work.

The Haifa Refineries based their petition on section 7 of the Courts Law, 1957, which provides, inter alia, that: "(a) The Supreme Court sitting as a High Court of Justice shall deal with matters in which it deems it necessary to grant relief in the interests of justice and which are not within the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal. (b) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (a) the Supreme Court sitting as a High Court of Justice shall be competent (3) to order courts and tribunals — other than courts dealt with by this Law and religious courts to quash any decision given unlawfully."

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The petitioners' argument against the legality of the decision handed down by the Labour Tribunal centred on the interpretation of section 10 of the Annual Leave Law, 1952, (as amended in 1967) which provides that: (a) The employer shall pay to the employee, in respect of the days of leave, leave pay to an amount equal to the amount of his normal pay. (b) Normal pay, for the purpose of this section, shall be: — (1) in the case of an employee whose remuneration is... paid on the basis of a month or a longer period — the pay which the employee would receive, in respect of the period in question, if he had not gone on leave but had continued working... (c) Pay, for the purposes of subsection (b) shall be any remuneration... paid to the employee in respect of normal working hours unless otherwise provided in a collective agreement approved in that behalf by the Minister of Labour, an amount paid to the employee to cover special expenses not arising during leave time shall not be considered as part of the pay."

Mr. Lipshitz and Mr. Samuel appeared for the petitioners and Mr. Z. Waksman for the second respondent.

Decision

Justice Berinson, who delivered the decision of the High Court of Justice, first considered the question of the jurisdiction of Court, "in the light of the fact that this was the first time that a decision of the National Labour Tribunal had been challenged before it (it was for this reason, too, that a five-man bench heard the case). It is a well-established fact, he noted, that when any body which operates by virtue of law oversteps its powers or refrains from exercising its powers or commits an error of law apparent on the face of the facts before it, or acts in violation of the principles of natural justice or, in general, causes hardship which justice demands should be rectified, then the High Court has the power to intervene.

There is no doubt, Justice Berinson continued, that these powers of intervention of the High Court apply also to the functioning of the Labour Tribunals, just as they apply to all judicial tribunals (save the courts of law). Nor, he added, does the Labour Tribunals Law of 1969 deny the High Court such jurisdiction, or limit it in any way. On the other hand, he agreed with the second respondent's counsel that the High Court would not interfere with a decision of the Labour Tribunal on one of the matters entrusted by the law to its exclusive jurisdiction, and upset it only because of a small and insignificant error of law.

In the case under consideration, Justice Berinson went on to point out, the issue affected not only the petitioners' employees but the employees of all the enterprises in the country which operate in shifts, and the sums involved could reach tens of millions of pounds. The decision of the National Labour Tribunal was, therefore, one of great importance, and could have far-reaching repercussions.

Justice Berinson then went on to consider the merits of the Labour Tribunal's decision that annual leave pay should be based on an employee's normal pay, plus shift-work increments. After analysing section 10 of the Annual Leave Law he came to the conclusion that overtime pay, which is unstable and fortuitous, does not constitute part of the annual leave payments unless there be a collective agreement, approved by the Minister of Labour to the contrary — which there was not in the present case (the existing collective agreement not having been approved by the Minister); but that, on the other hand the shift-work emolument is payable as this is part of a shift-worker's normal salary, on which he relies for his subsistence, and the purpose of the Law is to enable an employee to enjoy his annual Leave without any impairment of his economic position.

Basis for payment

As to the fact, Justice Berinson continued, that till now the annual leave has been paid for on the basis of the "normal pay" as defined in the collective agreement and this does not include shift-work emoluments, this was irrelevant. For in accordance with section 21 of the Collective Agreements Law, 1957, a collective agreement can only add to and not derogate from, the rights of an employee laid down by law, and the right to the shift-work emolument follows from a correct interpretation of section 10(c) of the Annual Leave Law.

It was equally irrelevant, he continued, that all the employers' and workers' organizations in the country had, till now, interpreted the Annual Leave Law as excluding shift-work emoluments. For while it is true that in certain cases long-standing custom can influence the interpretation of a provision of law, particularly when economic considerations and calculations are based on such custom, this is only true when the relevant provision of law is abstruse and ambiguous. If, however, as in the present case, the custom is based on an erroneous interpretation by non-judicial bodies, of a clear and unequivocal provision of law, then it should not be perpetuated only because men of business have come to rely upon it and no one had seen fit to challenge it earlier before a judicial body.

Justice Berinson then went on to consider the question of whether an employer would be fulfilling his statutory duty if he gave his employee a longer annual leave under the terms of a collective agreement than laid down by the law but for a lesser daily payment than the basic pay plus the shift-work emolument, and came to a negative conclusion. Such an arrangement, he said in explanation, derogates from an employee's legal rights and while a collective agreement may give an employee additional benefits to those laid down by law, — that is extra annual leave — it cannot at the same time derogate from the rights laid down by law — that is the right to shift-work emoluments. In other words, he held, the employee is entitled to full payment — that is basic pay plus shift-work emoluments — for the minimum period of annual leave laid down by law, but if he is given any extra annual leave, then this extra leave should be paid for at the rates agreed upon in the collective agreement.

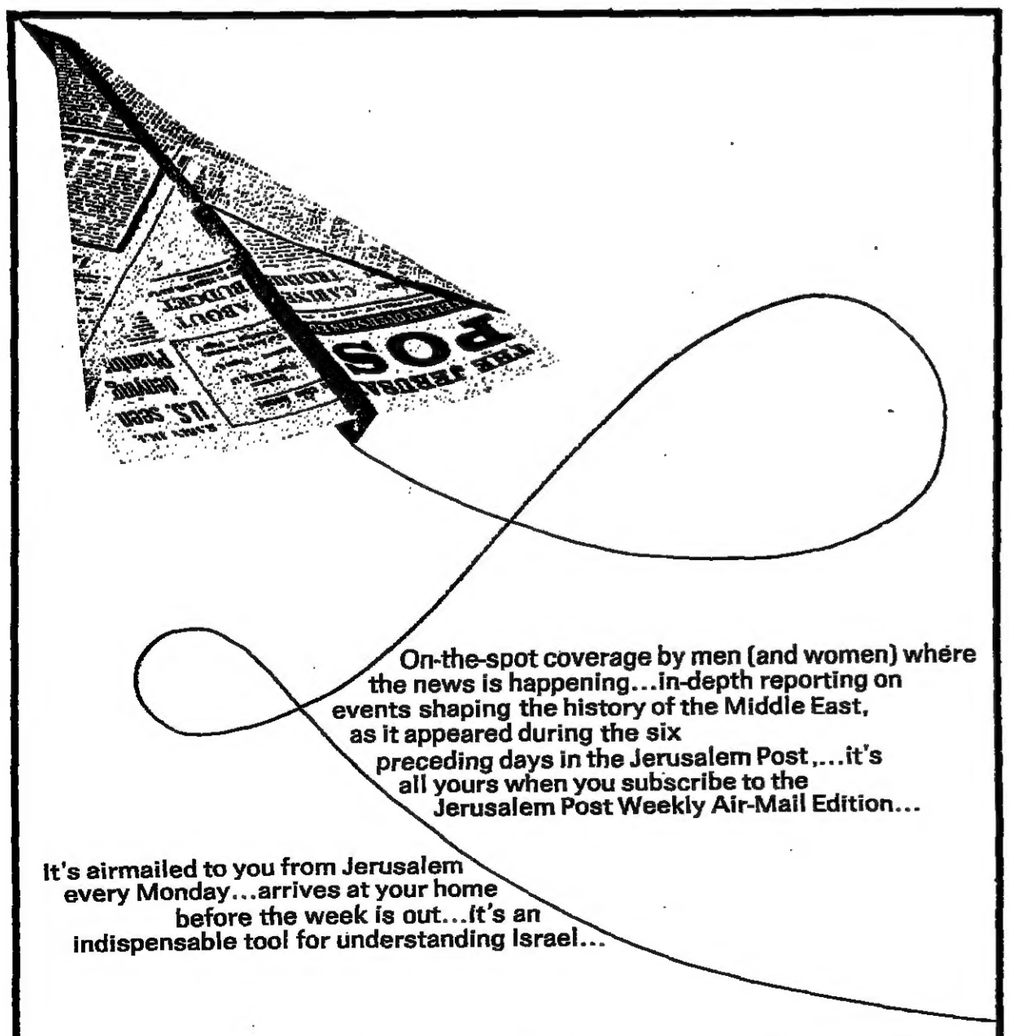
In this latter respect, therefore, the decision of the Labour Tribunal (which had held that the second respondent was entitled to shift-work emoluments also for the leave which he received in excess of the minimum laid down by law) was erroneous and should be quashed by that Tribunal.

In conclusion, Justice Berinson dismissed the petitioners' counsel's attempts to draw an analogy with the *Hours of Work and Rest Law*, in which "normal wage" is expressly defined for purposes of overtime pay as including "all additional payments *made by an employer to an employee*"; in contradistinction to the definition in the Annual Leave Law. The two laws, he said, are not *in pari materia* on the same matter although they both deal with employer-employee relations, as the main purpose of the hours of work and rest law is to prevent employment for longer hours or on the Sabbath and holidays, the question of payment for such work being only of incidental importance, whereas the Annual Leave Law deals mainly with payment for the days of leave. Furthermore, and mainly, he continued, the Annual Leave Law contains an express definition of "normal pay": that is "the pay which the employee would receive if he had not gone on leave but had continued working," and this includes all payments made to him for the work he does during his regular hours of employment (excluding over-time) save for such special expenses which do not exist when the employee is on leave.

The order *nisi* should, therefore, be discharged, Justice Berinson held, with the one reservation in respect the payment for extra annual leave.

Order *nisi* discharged with IL1,000 costs for the second respondent.

Decision given on December 12, 1971.



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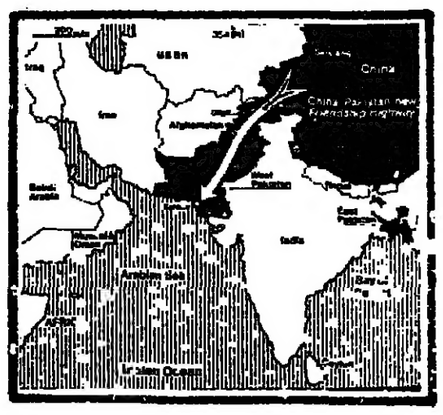
U.S. naval strategy: rumour and the facts



There have been reports lately that the U.S. is planning a naval build-up in the Indian Ocean to meet the growing Soviet strength there. The POST's Washington Correspondent, Sam Lipski, examines these reports, and says that the U.S. will continue to put the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean first in its thinking.

WASHINGTON. — DESPITE the flurry of headlines and news reports, an investigation of the substance of American naval strategy in the Indian Ocean makes it clear that while there may have been a shift in emphasis after the India-Pakistan war, the basic policy of the Nixon Administration has not changed.

The U.S. is not planning to match the Russians ship for ship. There has been no change in basic strategic priorities which continue to put the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean waters ahead of the Indian Ocean and there are no immediate plans to enlarge the permanent Indian Ocean naval force — three vessels based on Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf.

The U.S. does plan to spend money on air-conditioning an amphibious transport ship which will replace an ancient seaplane tender as the flagship of the permanent naval flotilla. It does plan to show the flag more often than before by marginally increasing patrols and visits in the Indian Ocean area, and it does want to heighten its "presence profile" without committing too many additional resources to the task.

Some of the rhetoric makes it sound more impressive. But this rhetoric is sometimes necessary as part of the pre-Peking-and-Moscow round of reassurance and image-building.

Distortion

Uneasy allies are being told that the U.S. is going into these talks to bargain from strength. Some of the accompanying talk is purposeful ambiguity, directed at the Soviets, variations on an unpredictability theme often sounded by Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Some of it, as the latest example indicates, occurs because the media and the bureaucracy in Washington create their own "news" between them, often bearing only the most tangential relationship to what is really happening. In this process this correspondent is no more immune to distortion than others.

The events themselves were clear and unambiguous. Four days after the Pentagon gave a news briefing the U.S. naval task force, led by the nuclear carrier Enterprise, left the Indian Ocean and headed for the Philippines. Yet the Pentagon's story was that the task force was there "indefinitely."

This time the Pentagon could not indicate when the task force would return but said some patrolling was likely to occur "from time to time" over the next 18 months. In short, nothing very much had changed. Why did it seem as if it had?

Before considering the background in the latest "shift" in U.S. policy it is worth summarizing some key points:

Flagship

- The India-Pakistan war certainly speeded up the timing of certain moves already under way, such as the refurbishing of the flagship in the Persian Gulf and the possible modernization of the two obsolescent destroyers there.
- The division of opinion within the Nixon administration over policy towards the Indian Ocean continues. The Navy and its supporters — some of whom, contrary to impressions, are at the State Department — have argued for some three years that the Soviet activity in the area must not be allowed to go unchallenged by default. Civilian officials — some of whom, contrary to impressions, are at the Pentagon — are adamantly opposed to the Navy view.
- After long debate and assessments, the White House decision as late as December was to hold back on active competition with the Soviets in the Indian Ocean on the grounds that a super-power competition there was not warranted.

Some small improvements were approved. As far as can be discovered there has not been a fundamental change in policy. If there has been, the U.S. Navy, the Pentagon, and the State Department have not been informed. Nor have some close allies of *the United States in the region*, such as Australia.

- Serious consideration is being given to the possibility of a U.S.-Soviet agreement on limiting naval operations, especially in areas of peripheral interest to both sides. This question is expected to come up at the May summit, but it will probably depend on progress reached in more significant discussions, such as those over Salt (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks).
- While there is general agreement in the Indian Ocean within the Administration about a reopened Suez Canal, the advantages to U.S. interests in the long run are seen as significant. In any event a stabilized Middle East is a primary goal of U.S. policy.
- The construction of a $15m. communications facility on the island of Diego Garcia began last year; but it was a project planned in the early 1960s. The base will have an airstrip, and it has a harbour which can be deepened to take nuclear carriers and submarines.

U.S. warships

The main conclusions to be *drawn from these developments* is that measures are being taken to ensure that the U.S. can exercise a countervailing presence if it should become necessary. The winding down of the Vietnam War suggests that the naval capability would be available. But all this is not the same as saying that the decision has been taken to make it an area of U.S.-Soviet rivalry on a significant scale.

Where then do the headlines of recent weeks fit into the picture? The explanation shows how changes in policy can become more apparent than real, given a combination of circumstances.

At the regular Pentagon briefing on January 6, Defence Department spokesman Jerry Friedheim was asked by reporters for details of the whereabouts of the nuclear carrier Enterprise and its task force, which had entered the Indian Ocean during the India-Pakistan war.

What began as routine questioning took a significant turn when Mr. Friedheim's answers, despite a certain vagueness, implied that the task force would stay on indefinitely and that in the future American warships would be patrolling "from time to time."

Although a reading of the Friedheim transcript shows he inserted qualifications at various points, the thrust of his remarks was taken by many of the reporters present to signal a change in Indian Ocean policy.

The normally careful "Washington Star," for example, reported that day that a "historic decision" had been taken to replace *the British fleet in the Indian* Ocean. Less extreme, the "New York Times" and "Washington Post" nevertheless made it front page news.

If the Friedheim briefing had been given at another time it is unlikely it would have had the same impact. But the same day the "New York Times" reported that the U.S. had concluded an "unpublicized" agreement with Bahrein Island for the use of naval facilities.

And the day before the Anderson Papers with their disclosures about the India-Pakistan war made news in Washington. It now seems as if correspondents were primed to read more into the Friedheim briefing than was justified.

Strategic joke

The Bahrein Island agreement, for example, does not appear to be anything more than a commercial arrangement. For more than 20 years the Americans had used part of the British facilities. The British were leaving so the Americans had to obtain permission to stay at Bahrein.

If strategic implications are read into such a move they tend to overlook the fact that the agreement was in train for months before the India-Pakistan war. And as naval officers in Washington are quick to point out, the permanent fleet at Bahrein is a joke in strategic terms.

None of the above means that the U.S. may not eventually decide that there is much at scake in the Indian Ocean and that the Russians should not be allowed to add to their presence there — they have about 10 to 15 ships on permanent station — without some counterbalancing force. But the evidence suggests that no such fundamental decision has been taken.

Till that time, American actions in the Indian Ocean will speak louder than any briefings.

Porpoises join the service

SAN DIEGO (UPI). — Porpoises are being secretly tested at the Naval Undersea Research and Development Centre for possible military roles, the Navy confirmed on Tuesday.

Last week scientists at the Centre denied reports published by a Russian newspaper that a variety of sea animals were being trained for military purposes.

In a brief statement, the Navy said that "an experimental naval unit has been established for the purpose of evaluating a surveillance and detection system using porpoises... Details are classified."

The Navy opened a secret marine mammal laboratory here last week.

Earlier scientists said that porposes could be taught to differentiate between the electrical current system used by U.S. submarines and that of the Russians.

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SOMEHOW, piano recitals seem an anachronism today, with only few great virtuosos still drawing ...diences for such events. They need ...rage to undertake and a convinc... personality to see it through suc...sfully. Gabriel Chodos, a young ...erican pianist — he is not yet — does not shirk the challenge, ...d comes out quite creditably.

He grew up in the Schnabel tra...on, continued his studies with ...ef Dichter in Vienna, Leonard ...re at Aspen, and Carlo Zecchi ... Salzburg, winning prizes at the ...sella" Competition in Napoles, ... the Michaels Contest in Chica... He holds degrees in philosophy ... musicology from the University ... California.)

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...hubert's lyricism — at one of ...peaks in this lovely sonata — ...ved full value from the pianist. ...ever, the composer's love for ...ng out melodies, flowing un...ainedly, is not given adequate ...ession if tempi are too slow and ...o much philosophy intrudes on ...music.

...nest Bloch's innate scepticism ...melancholy attitude expressed in ...ons et Prophecies" — his own ...scription for piano of "Voice in Wilderness," originally for or...tra with cello obligato (1936) ...ound in Gabriel Chodos a competent and understanding interpreter. A tribute to technical brilliance was the inclusion of two Concert Etudes by Liszt, though Chodos is too serious a musician to enjoy acrobatic fireworks for their own sake.

Beethoven's last piano sonata is the touchstone of an artist's mental stamina and mature musicianship. The pianist demonstrated both qualities quite convincingly, maintaining long breath and continuity, although the second movement seemed dangerously slow. "Arietta" means not only that the piece is shorter than an "Aria," but also that it is of a somewhat lighter musical content.

The directive used by Beethoven ("Adagio molto semplice a cantabile") means "slow, very simple and singing," not "very slow."

The encore (Schubert's Moment musical, opus 94, No.2, in A flat) again accented the pianist's curious tendency to over-extended tempi. Schubert's "Andantino" was done again "Adagio molto," thus changing the musical content of this lightly moving *bagatelle* (in the best meaning sense of the word) into something very serious and nearly tragic. Gabriel Chodos is not alone in this predilection (we recently heard it in Lukas Foss's performance of the Bach D minor Concerto). This seems to indicate that our young artists, though much concerned with contemporary realism, tend too much to romantic interpretation and emotional exaggerations.

Gabriel Chodos is a pianist of high qualities and a musician of serious stature who should be heard again.

YOHANAN BOEHM

When polite men meet a lady

Haifa Chamber Music Society. The Israel Piano Quartet: Salzman, piano; Murwitz, violin; Bornstein, viola; Bregman, cello. (Beth Harofe, January 15). Mozart: Divertimento in E flat major K. 563 for violin, viola and cello; Dvorak: Quartet in E flat major op. 97 for piano, violin, viola and cello.

THIS Mozart Trio is a very difficult work and demands a masterful technical execution. If the fast movements would have been taken a bit slower, by this team, the runs might have come out more precise and distinct.

There were few contrasts between forte and piano as all dynamic alternations were omitted, at the cost of deeper sensitiveness, inseparable from Mozart's music.

Greater intensity of spirit was felt in the Dvorak Quartet. Here a firm grasp of style went hand in hand with well-drawn characterization. The smooth cello-theme in the Lento, beautifully played by Mr. Bregman, provided special satisfaction.

We have always admired Miss Salzman for her assured control of her medium, her delicate touch, and her accuracy. This time however her clear and well-balanced playing suffered from over-playing of her part, nearly drowning out the strings, so that the work's fine musical nature could not spark any vivid emotion. But how can three polite gentlemen with weak strings fight one lady who plays with all her strength, with the piano-lid fully opened?

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TEST FOR CHALLENGERS

Soccer Preview

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

...AVIV. — The new challengers ... the National League soccer ...pionship, Jerusalem Betar, ... play at home this Saturday, ... Jaffa Maccabi as visitors.

...e Jerusalem team lost its first ... games of the season but has not ...d back since, collecting 11 ...s from its last six matches. ...affa Maccabi, Betar will meet ...m that has conceded only five ... this season, but has scored ... four in eight games.

...fa Maccabi began the season ...isingly, but two home defeats ...row have not helped morale. ... meet a team that has won ...s home games, with forwards Artzi Ben Yaacov, Victor Levy ... Yossi Amiaoff in top form. ...affa Maccabi can recapture ... of their early season deter...tion they could put up a hard ... Although all form points to ...er Jerusalem win, a saver on a ... might be advisable.

...ague leaders Netanya Maccabi travel to Ramat Gan to face Hakoah, who are a better team that their league position, 13th, would suggest. One of their best recent performances was to hold Tel Aviv Maccabi to a 2:2 draw. But with Spiegler, Saroussi and Co. going such great guns, an away win looks a clear possibility.

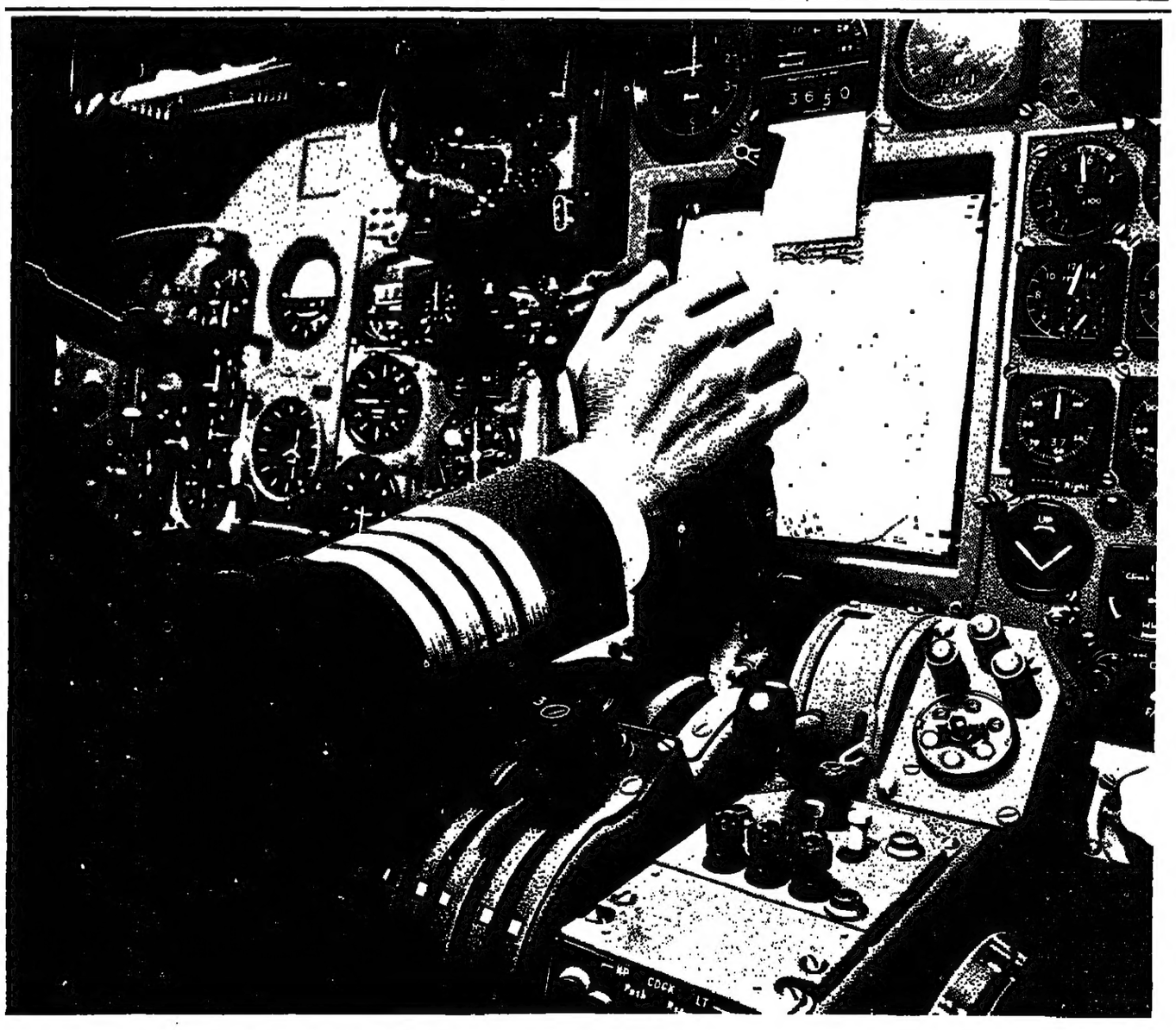
If either of the leaders slip, Tel Aviv Maccabi is still menacingly close, two points behind Netanya Maccabi. Playing at the Bloomfield Stadium against Bnei Yehuda, the Maccabi team looks like a banker for a home win.

Beersheba Hapoel return home after two weeks away, to entertain Hadera Hapoel. The Beersheba team has won all its games at home this season, whereas Hadera have not gained a point in an away match. All pointers are to another Beersheba Hapoel victory.

Petah Tikva fans will see two interesting fixtures. Tel Aviv Betar, which now plays its home games in Petah Tikva, have Haifa Maccabi as guests. Both clubs won last week. The Betar team produced their best football of the season to beat Bnei Yehuda. Haifa Maccabi may prove a tougher nut to crack, and a draw looks as likely a result as any.

Petah Tikva Hapoel, another away winner last week, are at home to Jerusalem Hapoel. The Jerusalemites were all at a loss in the mud of Kfar Saba last week. They will have to play very much better football to collect points from Petah Tikva Hapoel.

Haifa Hapoel have been in creaking form in the last couple of weeks. Although Kfar Saba Hapoel are not an easy team to beat, the midfield strength of the Haifa side should be enough to win two points.



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Nine named for U.S. station in space

SPACE CENTER, Houston. — The Space Agency Tuesday named nine astronauts who will live and work together for up to eight weeks next year 410 kms. above the earth in a laboratory the size of a three-bedroom house.

The men selected for the U.S. orbiting space station, Skylab, included the nation's second pair of moon walkers and a medical doctor, two scientists and three pilots.

Charles (Pete) Conrad and Alan Bean, the astronauts who made man's second landing on the moon, will command the first and second crews to fly Skylab, due for launch in the spring of 1973, it was announced. The third and final Skylab crew will be led by a new astronaut, Gerald Carr.

Conrad and Bean, both Navy captains, are the only men with space flight experience among the astronauts who will operate Skylab over a eight-month period.

Each Skylab crew will consist of a commander, a "science pilot" and a pilot, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. Skylab, built from the Saturn rocket that launches the moon missions, will be sent up unmanned.

The first crew will visit it for 28 days, the second and third for 56 days.

Skylab will carry out earth resources observations and also study the sun and stars through a special telescope. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Mt. Scopus street in memory of Salman Schocken

A street on the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus was named for the late Salman Schocken yesterday, at a ceremony attended by members of the Schocken family, headed by Mr. Gershom Schocken, publisher of "Ha'aretz." Also present were former Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen; University President Avraham Harman; Rector Jacob Katz, and H.U. Vice-President Bernard Cherrick.

Prof. Katz recalled Salman Schocken's leadership in bringing Jewish culture to a generation of German Jews. Mr. Gershom Schocken spoke of the role played by his father who, as chairman of the Hebrew University's Executive Committee during the 1930s, was responsible for much of the original building on Mount Scopus, the University's original home.

Official newsreel for cinemas

The country's cinemas will start screening an official monthly news magazine in a few weeks' time, to replace the traditional private newsreels which went out of production some months ago, the Knesset Economic Committee was told yesterday.

The Information Centre at the Education Ministry will put out the news magazine, in collaboration with the Cinema Owners Association, with an annual budget of IL300,000.

17% MORE ISRAELIS went abroad in 1971 than in the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The total for the year was 179,900, a monthly average of 15,000-16,000. Some 34 per cent of the total travelled during July and August, the summer holiday period.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

Mission of Congress

Ha'aretz (non-party), discussing the Zionist Congress, says that one of its most important tasks will be to attract new and younger forces to the leadership.

Hatzofe (National Religious), referring to the message sent to the Congress by 17 Jews imprisoned in the Soviet Union, calls for "the mobilization of enlightened world public opinion and the exploitation of international contacts in order to effect the release of incarcerated Jews whose only crime is their love of Zion."

Davar (Histadrut), commenting on the formation of the new Egyptian Cabinet, writes: "Until such time as Sadat and his new Cabinet openly withdraw their threats of war, the Middle East situation will remain unchanged."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), referring to the bill for the introduction of civil marriages and divorces, writes: "The Alignment's decision to prevent submission of the bill is a further link in the chain of the Labour movement's disappointing surrenders to the dictates of the Orthodox."

Lod flights

THURSDAY

ARRIVALS: TWA 811, from S.F., Los Angeles, Hongkong, Bangkok and Bombay, 0445; BOAC 807 from Australia, Hongkong, Bangkok and Teheran, 0530; El Al 152, from Teheran, 0740; El Al 300, from New York, 1120; Alitalia 738, from Rome 1255; El Al 500, from New York and Montreal, 1340; El Al 249, from New York and Geneva, 1845; Lufthansa 634, from Frankfurt and Munich, 1530; TWA 740, from New York and Frankfurt, 1530; El Al 354 from Nicosia, 1610; TWA 840, from Los Angeles, New York, Rome and Athens, 1635; THY 996, from Istanbul, 1700; TWA 810, from Washington, Boston, Paris, and Rome, 1720; BOAC 318 from London, 1730; Cyprair 302, from Nicosia, 1735; Sabena 571 from Brussels and Vienna, 1855; Swissair 332, from Zurich and Geneva, 1855; Olympic 301, from Athens, 1855; BEA 482, from London, 1910; El Al 154, from Johannesburg and Nairobi, 2035; El Al 454, from Paris and Rome, 2055; El Al 458, from Frankfurt and Zurich, 2105; Air France 183, from Paris and Athens, 2110; El Al 456, from London, 2145; El Al 482, from Vienna, 2330.

DEPARTURES: El Al 153, to Johannesburg, 0100; El Al 851, to Amsterdam, Paris and New York, 0230; TWA 811, to Rome, Paris, Boston and Washington, 0600; BOAC 807, to London, 0645; El Al 259, to Amsterdam, Montreal and New York, 0720; Swissair 831, to Zurich, 0725; TWA 741, to Frankfurt, New York and Los Angeles, 0710; KLM 530, to Amsterdam, 0830; El Al 15, to London and New York, 0830; Air France 183, to Paris, 0840; TWA 841, to Athens, Rome, New York and Los Angeles, 0850; El Al 457, to Zurich and Frankfurt, 0905; El Al 453, to Paris, 0940; El Al 455, to Rome and London, 0955; El Al 352, to Nicosia, 1300; Alitalia 739, to Rome, 1245; El Al 459, to Copenhagen, 1530; El Al 451, to Vienna, 1545; Lufthansa 637, to Munich and Frankfurt, 1620; THY 997, to Istanbul, 1740; Cyprair 303, to Nicosia, 1815; BOAC 318, to Teheran, 1815; TWA 810, to Bombay, Bangkok, Hongkong, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 1820.

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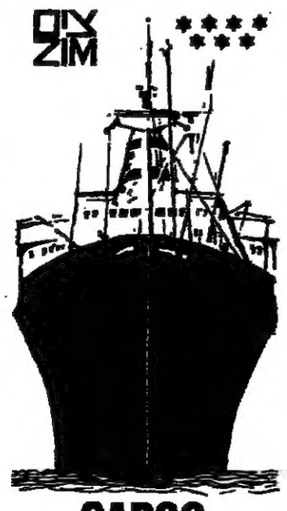

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Haifa Port closure looms as mooring men continue strike

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Work in the port will lead to a halt in a few days, if nothing is done to end the strike of the 60 man of the Mooring Department which started at midnight on Tuesday. Work on freighters already inside the port continues, but all ships' movements in and out of the port and inside the basin are suspended yesterday by the strikers, with the exception of security shipments and citrus fruit carriers.

Yesterday morning one freighter, the Greek C. Bousses, which had completed unloading, was unable to sail and two others were unable to move in to unload.

One was the m.s. Palmah, which is a cargo of airmail-weight newsprint for *The Jerusalem Post's* Overseas Weekly on board, which is urgently needed for next week's issue.

The men are striking for four years' back pay of "effort bonuses" of IL40 a month each, which the Ports Authority paid their Ashdod colleagues until 1971, when it was replaced by incentive pay introduced for the departments in both ports. The claim totals a little over IL100,000.

At a press conference yesterday Haifa Labour Council Secretary Eliezer Molk said the Council "fully supports" the men's claim. It did not supoprt their strike action "only because for formal reasons we are unable to do so as the men have not yet exhausted all the bargaining procedures provided by the labour contract." He vigorously denounced the Authority for "dragging this dispute out for almost two years," and insisted it was "intolerable" that the Authority settle disputes only when the workers resort to strong-arm methods and strikes. "We must root out this way of handling claims. The Haifa Port workers have for some time now displayed restraint and a responsible attitude. But this must not be exploited by indifference to their claims when these are legitimate," he said, which was what had happened in this case.

He noted that the director of the Ports and Shipping Division, Capt. Cahan, whom the Authority asked to investigate the men's claim after previous commissions had judged them justified, had ruled that the Haifa men had put in greater efforts than the Ashdod mooring men, who had been paid the bonuses. He therefore did not think that arbitration was necessary at all, but nevertheless the men had agreed to it.

He confirmed the "open secret" that the Haifa Port management had recognized "the justice of this claim," but its support had failed to influence the Authority management.

He justified the men's refusal to agree to the arbitrators proposed by the Authority, the present or past directors-general of the Treasury. The men earlier proposed the national labour relations chief or deputy, and it is absolutely astonishing that a government authority should refuse the arbitration of a government official," he said. This dispute can be settled in five minutes if the Authority agrees to the proposed arbitrator and it would not lose face by doing so."

During the press conference, a phone call from Transport Minister Shimon Peres proposed that each side appoint an arbitrator of its own choice and both judge the claim, with a third man to act as referee in case they failed to agree. However Mr. Molk rejected the proposal "because it is now too late to persuade the men."

The secretary of the men's committee, Fishel Ferber, told *The Jerusalem Post* "we did everything possible to reach a peaceful settlement. Every committee the Authority appointed ruled in our favour and after two years of procrastination by the Authority we feel we have waited long enough. We didn't want to revert to force but it seems the Authority will listen to nothing else."

He said they had exempted security and citrus fruit shipments from their strike "because the public is very sensitive about citrus exports," but he warned that if their claim is not met they might change their mind about citrus. He stressed they had "taken no steps without the Labour Council's consent."

Peres: Worth IL2m. extra pay to keep ports open

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Transport Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset yesterday that people have to ask themselves not only how much it costs to keep the ports quiet, but also how much it costs when the ports are troubled.

In a statement opening a debate on the situation in the country's ports (which replaces six urgent motions for the agenda), Mr. Peres said that the year just passed was one of the quietest years, in all three ports — at least till Tuesday. Port fees stayed down; productivity rose 10 per cent; and congestion surcharges involved only 45 days, instead of 195 days the year before.

Mr. Peres said that wage increases in the ports due to factors like the package deal caused a rise of 16 per cent, while other wage increases occurring on the eve of negotiations caused an additional rise of 10.6 per cent.

He lavished praise on Authority director Aharon Remez, but refused to be drawn into any criticism of his controversial predecessor, Haim Laskov. He gave ample details of stage increases and strikes in foreign ports, making special mention of the U.S. and Britain.

Referring to the current labour dispute in Haifa port, the Minister explained that the Authority and the Haifa Labour Council had failed to agree on one single arbitrator. The Union had also refused that two arbitrators, one chosen by each side, get together and pick one single arbitrator. "That's how complicated and confused things become. The port is entering into a strike involving tremendous damage to the State."

He said that outsiders audit the accounts of the Ports Authority — not only the Authority auditors. An argument might be made for the fact that the entire staff of the Authority received IL2m. more on the wage bill than workers elsewhere in the economy, but he stressed that the lack of strikes and surcharges made this extra expense well worthwhile.

In the debate, three speakers regretted the ouster of Mr. Laskov as director of the Ports Authority.

Dr. Yohanan Bader (Gahal) said that the moment Mr. Laskov left his job, the ports began losing money. Mr. Moshe Shahal (Alignment-Labour) justified the claims of the Haifa strikers by quoting a study which showed that they were 21 per cent more efficient than their colleagues in similar mooring crews in Ashdod.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.) said that no country could afford to set up a criterion of wage agreements, on the basis of the damage resulting if the workers' demands were not met. Rabbi Shlomo Gross (Agudat Israel) charged that the Authority had initialled a secret agreement with the staffs for a 40 per cent wage increase in 1972.

Comptroller looking into Dayan digs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State Comptroller is investigating whether the archaeological activities of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan have involved any violations of the Antiquities Ordinance.

This follows a complaint submitted to the Ombudsman on December 8 by "Ha'olam Hazeh" columnist Dahn Ben-Amotz. In a reply sent to him 10 days later, the Ombudsman's office pointed out that its services were available only to an individual who feels himself to be an injured party.

The matter had, however, been passed on to the State Comptroller for handling as part of the "general control," including such questions as supervision over ancient sites.

The Comptroller's spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that, in so far as a report will follow this particular investigation, it will probably be included in the Comptroller's annual report, to be published in April.

Last month, the police and the Attorney-General cleared Mr. Dayan of the suspicion of acquiring his antiquities collection in violation of the law, following investigation of a similar complaint from Mr. Ben-Amotz.

Earlier this week, Prof. Yigael Yadin was quoted in "Ha'aretz" as calling on the director of the Government Antiquities Department, Dr. Avraham Biran, to state "whether there was any truth to the many rumours concerning the activities of the Minister of Defence in the field of antiquities."

In the Knesset yesterday, Premier Golda Meir told "Ha'olam Hazeh" editor Uri Avneri at question time that all complaints (against Mr. Dayan's archaeological pursuits) had been properly examined, "and I saw no need or justification for further clarification on my part." The law did not prohibit a Cabinet minister from engaging in business, she noted.

Asked whether she thought that propriety permited ministers to engage in trade, she replied that Mr. Avneri might put the question privately, if he wanted to know her opinions, and she would answer, if she saw fit.

Mr. Avneri quoted his own magazine, and the Ben-Amotz article in particular, as the lead into the question.

Dock hand held for murder

HAIFA. — A dock worker suspected of the murder of 36-year-old Gila Amir, found dead in her apartment last Saturday, was remanded yesterday for 15 days by Magistrate's Court Judge E. D. Bar.

The suspect is Arye Seidenfeld, married and father of three. He was quoted as telling a "Yediot Aharonot" reporter yesterday that he had "close ties" with the murder victim for 10 years and assisted her in the purchase of her apartment, but had no reason to kill her and knew nothing of her death until told of it by police.

Gila Amir was found on her bed, stabbed with a kitchen knife, with a telephone cord around her neck. The bed was partially burned. Police reportedly base their suspicion on the free access the suspect had to the victim's apartment, and his purported relationship with her. *(Itim)*

F.M. official probed for malfeasance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Allegations of misuse of Government funds by a senior Foreign Ministry official, until recently ambassador to a Far Eastern country, are being investigated by the Service Commission.

The sum involved is "less than IL10," according to an authoritative source. The investigation is still in its preliminary stages and it is not yet known if there is any substance to the accusations, it was stated.

The spokesman of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Mordechai Scheimer, refused to disclose what the accusation originated, or who was involved. But it did not come from the Foreign Ministry, he learned.

The official is working as usual, and when the initial investigation is over will the Commission decide if it is necessary "to ask him to resign anything," the spokesman said.

Chief of European Parliament due

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Walter Behrendt, President of the European Parliament, is expected next Sunday as guest of the Knesset Speaker for a seven-day visit.

The party will include Mrs. Beh-rendt, as well as Messrs. M. Nord, Clerk of the European Parliament; Klaus Pohle, the head of the President's bureau; Heinz Kuby, senior official of the Parliament; and their wives.

'Tax evaders no better than draft dodgers'

TEL AVIV. — "It is difficult to understand why the public has a harsher attitude towards young men who evade military service than towards persons who deliberately cheat the State Treasury," District Court Judge Hadassa Ben-Ito said here yesterday. Her comment came as she sentenced a tax evader to six months' imprisonment and a IL50,000 fine.

The offender, Simantov Ezrati, 49, a Tel Aviv woollen goods merchant, was convicted of concealing income to the tune of IL20,000 in 1969. His declared income was IL20,422, while in fact it had come to more than IL40,000. In 1970 he withheld a similar sum from his tax declaration.

Judge Ben-Ito noted that the worst tax offenders were usually respectable and well-known citizens. Rejecting the defence claim that the "unfair" tax system forced people to break the law, she pointed out that "fortunately, there are still many honest persons in this country who would not dream of cheating the State. "In any case," she added, "every citizen has the democratic right to change the tax structure, by legitimate means, if he feels it is unfair." *(Itim)*

MIGDAL HA'EMEK, the first development town, founded 20 years ago, absorbed 200 immigrant families in 1971, 84 of them from the Soviet Union. (It now has a population of over 10,000 — most of them new immigrants.) The town is soon to get a IL100m. nylon factory, Nilit, which will employ 1,000 workers.

POLLUTION. — Large pools of sludge, such as that pictured above, settled on the Yarkon River yesterday, turning its green waters black. The Nature Preservation Society traced the source to a building on the Musrara Creek, which feeds the Yarkon. The Society says that fish and plant life were affected by the pollution. (Ippa photo)

8% increase in C-o-L pay

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

An eight per cent increment to the Cost-of-Living allowance will be paid to all wage earners from this month. This was decided on at a meeting on Tuesday evening between Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar, representing the Government, and Mr. Yehoshua Woschina of the Histadrut.

The Cost-of-Living Index actually rose by 13.5 per cent during 1971, but the two sides agreed that the 5.5 per cent of the increase which resulted from the August devaluation and the surcharge on imports would have to be borne by the wage earners.

As the C.-o.-L. allowance is only paid on up to IL700 a month, this means that the maximum increment a wage-earner can receive is IL56. The C.-o.-L. increment is tax free.

The speed with which the decision was reached appears to have justified the unusual step of having the Governor of the Bank of Israel represent the Government. Officials of the Finance Ministry reacted to criticism of this step (the Governor is supposed to be independent of the Treasury) by noting that Mr. Sanbar had acted for the Government in these negotiations for the past few years. His experience in these matters led Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to ask him to act for the Government despite his recent appointment as head of the central bank.

Histadrut sees early signing of wage agreements

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut sources were optimistic yesterday about the chances for an early signing of the new collective wage agreements with the employers. This followed Tuesday's hour-long meeting between Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Mr. Mark Mosevics, head of the Coordinating Bureau of the Economic Organizations.

The employers, however, were more cautious, indicating that they will formulate their reactions when they get the draft of the Histadrut proposals. Present at Tuesday's meeting were Mr. Zalman Suzayeff, representing the employers; Mr. Uriel Abramowicz, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department; and his deputy, Yehoshua Woschina, for the employees.

Meanwhile, the Coordinating Bureau has protested to the Minister of Finance against the Government-Histadrut agreement to pay Cost-of-Living allowances without their having waited for the conclusion of the bilateral negotiations between the employers and labour. A Manufacturers' Association spokesman earlier this week objected to payment of the allowance because, he said, workers had already been compensated for increased consumer prices.

Burg hints at higher rates

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday gave the Knesset the clear impression that municipal rates would go up — without actually saying so — when he agreed to let two urgent motions for the agenda about the prospect of higher rates go to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Burg said the matter was in the hands of the Committee of Economic Ministers, which is to decide whether rates should be allowed to rise, and, if so, by how much.

Dr. Burg noted that rates had been frozen for six years now. Estimated expenditure of all municipalities in 1972/73 is IL3,640m., while estimated revenue is IL1,400m. The IL240m. gap has to be closed somehow, he indicated.

The Minister sharply rebuked one mover, I.L.P. Knesset Member Gideon Hausner, accusing him of inflating the issue prematurely, and making unfounded criticism.

Mr. Hausner had pointed out that a rates increase would upset the wage structure, and hamper the current negotiations between employers and workers. He said the municipalities should cut duplication, trim redundant staff, and prevent ostentatious outlays. A rates rise should not, in one single year, offset the sum which a rates freeze held down in seven years, Mr. Hausner said.

The other mover, Mr. Meir Wilner (New Communist), called for a sliding scale of municipal rates based on income, saying that sometimes large families who have to crowd 10 children into three or four rooms pay higher rates than millionaires living in flats of two or three rooms.

Foremen may also go out

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Another port dispute is looming: the 123 foremen may today also decide on sanctions. They are up in arms over the Ports Authority's failure to institute an incentive pay system, proposed by the Authority, that would enable them to earn up to 33 per cent premiums on their wages, on measured norms.

Labour Council Secretary Eliezer Molk told the press yesterday that the foremen had agreed to the system and the Authority's condition that they agree to a work reorganization which put a much heavier load on them. For the past eight months, while the norms were being scientifically measured, the foremen worked under the new work plan, but now the Authority was backing out of the incentive pay scheme, apparently for fear that the Ashdod foremen would also demand it. The Ashdod port norms are not measured and the men there have rejected all efforts to measure them so far. In Haifa port, on the other hand, virtually all cargoes, with the exception of citrus fruit, are handled according to measured norms, he said.

The foremen's committee is due to meet this evening to consider the situation and they are likely to revert to the old work method which would immediately cause a fall in output as they would refuse to supervise more than two gangs of men at a time.

Mr. Molk said he would not support their sanctions but it would be hard to force them to continue with the new system if they are not given the incentive pay.

Dispute brewing in Ashdod too

Ashdod Port, which has lately been enjoying comparatively tranquil labour-management relations, has a small dispute in the offing. The 18 officers in the Marine Department are demanding separate trade union representation from the 64 seamen.

At present, there is one works committee representing the department's complement of 82. The officers complain that their specific interests are not properly put forward, and they are demanding their own committee.

The secretary of the Ashdod Labour Council, Rafael Cohen, is opposed to the separatist demand.

10 million crates of citrus exported

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The citrus fruit export through the port is continuing at full speed for the present, despite the mooring men's strike which is paralysing general cargo shipments.

The ten millionth case of the season was shipped to Europe yesterday and the exports through Haifa are now over two million cases ahead of the total during the same period last year.

Irene Broza Margolis: an appreciation

Irene Broza Margolis, who died a week ago in Tel Aviv, came to this country with her family in the 1930s. She was one of Israel's first movie actresses, playing the lead part opposite Itzhak Danziger in "My Father's House." During World War II she worked in the British Embassy in Cairo.

After the War of Independence, she joined the Foreign Ministry. She acted as secretary to the Israel delegation to the Rhodes armistice talks in 1949, and at one time served in a diplomatic post in the Israel Embassy in Rome. She also worked as representative in Chicago of the American Friends of the Weizmann Institute.

A friend, M.G., writes:

We knew her as "The Princess" — that special combination of beauty, grace and talent which was Irene.

From her earliest days in England, she had been outstanding wherever she went and successful in everything she did. We remember her as student, hostess, actress, diplomat and friend, always the centre and toast of every society in which she moved whether it was in London, Rome, New York or Tel Aviv.

She sometimes seemed elusive yet possessed a rare magnetic quality which instantly drew everybody to her, and young and old adored her.

Her life was marked by an elegance which we all admired, and which was most evident in the hospitality she so modestly but generously extended at all times.

Something about her, a "difference," enriched our lives and the loss of Irene is a loss not only to her family but to all who knew her.

High Court overrules Sapir

Millers back to the jungle

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will have to decide on a new policy for controlling the flour milling industry, following a High Court decision yesterday which rejected the quota-and-tender system the Ministry imposed recently.

In the past, there had been no control over the amount of flour which each of the country's 22 mills produced, and cut-throat competition ruled in the market. A group of millers approached the Ministry of Commerce and warned that, if some form of control were not introduced, their industry would collapse.

In response, the Minister, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, issued regulations setting quotas for the mills, and issued tenders for supplies. Two of the mills objected to this, and went to the High Court to have the regulations revoked.

In its ruling yesterday, the Court held that the system imposed by the Ministry was unacceptable, and advocated that a new policy be worked out. Until Ministry officials finalize a new policy, the industry has been returned to the *status quo ante* of unrestricted competition.

THE OASIS RESORT OF NUEIBA, about 80 kilometres south of Eilat on the Gulf, has been linked up with the national telephone system, by means of radio telephony.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Weiler, Ratner deny interest in Rassco; big market rise

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two American businessmen, Jack Weiler of New York and Max Ratner of Cleveland, yesterday issued the fourth and fifth denial that the Jewish Agency has found a buyer for its interest in Rassco. Nevertheless, the price of Rassco shares rose yesterday on the stock market, several brokers claiming that they had only bought at rising prices since they had been misled.

The present huge interest in Rassco started several days ago with a report in "Ha'aretz" saying that Clal and American interests were prepared to buy out the Jewish Agency's holdings in Rassco. Mr. Arye Dulzin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, issued a statement that "interest" had indeed been shown in purchasing the shares, but he claimed that this interest had not even jelled into solid negotiations. Mr. Dulzin did not specify who had shown the interest.

Mr. Dulzin, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he had announced some time ago that the Agency was prepared to sell the Rassco company. Recently, the Agency had an inquiry from a representative of a group of investors, the identity of whom has not been disclosed. Negotiations for the sale have not yet actually begun, Mr. Dulzin said.

Despite his statement, the next day there was a demand for 388,000 Rassco Preferred, causing it to jump by 18 points to 81 — and a demand for 290,000 Rassco Ordinary, which soared by 22 points to 62.5.

In short order, Clal announced that it had no intention of buying the Rassco shares from the Agency — and the Israel Lands Authority announced that it was not selling land to build a new development town at Modi'in (where according to unconfirmed reports Rassco was to build).

Yesterday Mr. Weiler cabled *The Jerusalem Post:* "I wish to state categorically that I never negotiated nor did I ever contemplate the purchase, in whole or in part, of Rassco or any of its assets.

"I deny this report unequivocally. Furthermore, I wish to state that I have absolutely no intention of entertaining any proposal for the purchase of, or investment in, Rassco."

Mr. Ratner, when contacted yesterday in Cleveland, also denied that there was any substance to the report, or that he was contemplating either a purchase of, or an investment in, Rassco.

Yesterday, a condensed Hebrew version of this statement was read at the Stock Exchange. Some of the brokers understood (they claimed later) that the statement had said that one of the two Americans did not intend to buy, but that the other did.

The Hebrew condensation was followed by the distribution of the entire statement in English.

However, the brokers did not have time, they said, to read the full English statement, and they proceeded to execute the orders which their clients had already given them earlier in the day. Thus, there was a sell order for 58,000 Rassco Ordinary, which fell by 0.5 to 54.5 and at this price 31,000 shares were sold, there was also a sell order for 10,000 Rassco Preferred, which did not fall from the opening round price of 75, and at this price 21,000 were traded.

In the variables, the brokers, acting on the mistaken impression given by the Hebrew announcement, began buying Rassco Ordinary (some 81,700 shares) and the price rose to 57; they also began buying Rassco Preferred (some 33,500) and the price rose to 79.

The brokers then sat down to read the complete Weiler-Ratner statement in English. This made them most unhappy, as many had bought as a speculative move, and they began shouting that they had been misled by the condensed version.

Stock Exchange management sources denied that the Hebrew statement had in any way been misleading. "The only explanation is that the brokers didn't listen carefully," *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

A spokesman for Rassco, asked to comment on the entire affair, said that "only the Jewish Agency can answer — and Mr. Dulzin had already made a statement."

In general, the trend was upwards on the stock market yesterday, and the turnover was an unusually high IL1,949,000 (of this, IL1,049,600 was in the second round and IL20,200 in the third round). Since only IL165,000 was due to trading in Rassco, the circulation was still very high.

There were huge demands for other shares also. For example, there was an order for 217,000 Cables and Wires, which rose by 8.5 points to 137.5 and then to 140. Electra IL1 (7,000) gained seven to 210 and then rose to 215; Poalim Preferred (6,500) gained one to 239 and then jumped to 240, and Lapidot Registered (44,000) gained four to 134 and then rose to 136.

Both dollar- and index-linked bonds rose, with the turnover in bonds being IL1,566,600. The investment dollar remained at IL4.23, and some $54,000 was traded.

In Rehov Lilienblum, the DM was IL1.35, but the dollar fell to IL4.42 with, as one "dealer" put it, "a tremendous amount of dollars flooding into Israel from all over the world. The price is expected to fall even more."

The index of shares went up by 0.95 per cent yesterday.

Israel freighter named in U.K.

Mrs. Cynthia Barnes, wife of the British Ambassador to Israel, named the 8,000 deadweight tons fruit carrier, Edinburgh Clipper, at Smith's Dock, Tees-Side on Tuesday. Freak weather caused postponement of the launch. The ship was built by the Swan Hunter group for the Maritime Fruit Carriers Company of Haifa.

Edinburgh Clipper is the first of an eight-ship order worth a total of £24m. They will all have a speed of 23 knots, a capacity of about 10,000 cubic metres and will be refrigerated to minus 25 degrees Centigrade. They are about 180 metres long, overall.

Foreign Exchange

Yesterday's rates quoted in London

Dollar	2.5805/10 per £
DM	3.2138/50 per $
Swiss Fr.	3.8680/8710 per $
Yen	312.35/85 per $

Fine gold per ounce $45.85/46.05

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DOLLAR	DM	SWISS FR.
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12 MONTHS

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Airlines hit by profit-taking

NEW YORK. — The market was off a few points in moderate trading, and there was some profit-taking. Airlines, the market's strongest performing group in recent sessions, have been hit by profit-taking. The industry was the subject of a Dow Jones News Service and Wall Street Journal article yesterday in which several analysts were quoted negatively on the group.

Number of shares traded amounted to 18,800,000, as declining issues led those advancing by 865 to 597. The DJIA was down 2.26 points, to close at 914.96.

Addressogr.	37¾	Dupont	151¾	Litton Ind.	33½	RCA	38
Aguirre	10½	East. Airlns	34¼	Lockheed	13¼	Rep. Steel	26⅛
Alcoa	45⅛	Ekodak	96¾	Loews	60	Reynolds T.	63½
Amer. Can.	64½	Fair Cam.	30⅝	Marcor	28	Sears Roe.	99½
Amer. Mot.	8	Fair Hill	12⅝	Maremont	36½	Solit. Dev.	13⅝
Ampex	40½	Fd. Nt. Mtg	89⅝	Martin Mar.	31⅝	Sperry Rnd	33
Amer. R & D	50⅝	1st Ch. Fin.	29	McCrory	27⅝	Stonj	77½
Amer. T. & T	46¾	Ford Mot.	92⅞	McCul. Oil	31¾	Syntex	76⅞
Anaconda	15¼	Gen. Bat.	20⅞	McDon-D.	38⅝	Teledyne	33⅛
Atlantic Rich.	88¾	Gen. Elec.	55	Miles Lab.	47⅛	Telex Corp.	13⅞
Asamera	12⅝	G. Fs. Corp.	34⅞	Minn.MM	103¾	Texas Gulf	17
Arco	27⅞	Gen. Instr.	22⅝	Monsan.	45½	Texas Instru.	124¼
Bausch & L.	139⅞	Gen. Mot.	84⅛	Motorola	87⅝	Time Inc.	56¾
Beth. Stl.	23⅝	Gillette	40¾	Murphy Ind.	8⅝	Transamerica	20
Boeing Co.	25	Glen Alden	10⅞	Natomas	64½	Transwair	47⅝
Burroughs	148	W. R. Grace	29⅛	Occ. Pet. C.	12⅞	U.N. Carbide	45¾
Brunswick	69⅞	G. W. Fin.	28¾	Olin Corp.	17¼	US Smelting	34⅝
Celanese	69½	Homest. Min.	21¾	Otis Elev.	40⅝	Unit. Aicrft	37
Chrysler	39⅞	IBM	353¼	Pac. Petr.	31⅛	US Steel	31¼
Coca-Cola	115	Int. Paper	65⅞	Panam WA	16⅝	Westg. Elec	45
Comsat	61½	Int. T & T	61½	Penn-Centrl.	5¼	Witco. Chem	28
Cont. Data	51¾	Itek Corp.	44⅝	Pennziol Un.	23	Woolworth	43½
Ct. Wright	15	Kenn. Copper	65½	Phil. Petro.	29¾	Xerox Co.	134½
Duplin	21½	Lilly & Co.	65⅞	Polaroid	96⅞	Zapata	31⅝
Dow. Chem.	78¾	Ling T. Vght	42⅝	Raytheon C.	43	Zenith Rad.	45½

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Electric Corp. — O.	52	52
Union Bank of Israel — O.	137	137
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O S.	202.5	203
I.D.B. Co. — O.	145	—
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O.	158.5	160
Pal.-British Bank — O.	152	150.5
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	280	283
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	138	138
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	121	120
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	252	253.5
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	117	117
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	238	239
Industrial Dev. Bk.—8% P.O.	86	88
Develop. & Mortg. Bank — O.T	166.5	166.5
Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	150	152
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	88	89.5
Israel Cent. Tr. & Inv.	143.5	141.5
Hassneh Insurance Co. — O.	125	122
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	109.5	109.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	68.5	67.5
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	145	143
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	143.5	143.5
Sahar — "O" O.	103	103
Lesrim — O.	95	95
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	158.5	160
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	141	137.5
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	138	140.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant.—O.	61	60.5
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	163	163
Mehadrin	149.5	148
Pri Or Ltd.	135.5	135
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	104	98.5
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	76.5	75
Rassco — O.	57	57
Isras	80.5	85
Neot Aviv — O.	46.5	48.5
Alliance — R.T.	750	750
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	93	93
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	225	230.5
"Ata" — "C" O.	114.5	114
Motor House — O.	55.5	55.5
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	207.5	203
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	103	103.5
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	139	137.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	110	111.5
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	76.5	78.5
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	58	58.5
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	74	73
Moller Textile — O.	169	171
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	172	173
Teva — O.T.	955	930
Phonecia — 8% P.O.T.	86	88
Paper Mills — O.	189.5	189.5
Assis "B" — O.	177	176.5
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	80	81
"Tsual" Man. of Plywood — O.	125	128
Delek "C" — O.	125	114.5
Elgar — O.	114	114
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	139	141
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	152	153
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	51.5	51.5
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	76.5	76.5
Ampa Investment — O.	106	107
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	182.5	183.5
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	130	130
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	201	200.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	71.5	69.5
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	114	114
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co.—O.	43	44
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	54	54
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	107	106
Naphtha — O.T.	71	68
Lapidoth — O.	134.5	134

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At the Zionist Congress

Sapir welcomes Soviet 'threat' to flood Israel with immigrants

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Russian "threat" to swamp Israel with an unprecendented flood of immigrants was welcomed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir when he addressed the morning session.

"Never has such a mighty state threatened such a tiny nation with such a threat, a threat which is received with the fervent hope that it will be implemented." He said that it was the aspiration of two generations to live to see Russian Jews coming to the Jewish State in their masses.

"We shall receive this flood gladly, with all our hearts and souls, whatever the difficulties, problems and anxieties which may accompany this immigration," Mr. Sapir declared.

The Minister reviewed the development of Israel's economy and appealed to world Jewery to mobilize larger sums to help finance immigration and absorption. Mr. Sapir said he forsees the population growing to more than five million by the end of the current decade.

Israel will not be able to foot the costs of the repercussions this will have on the economy without special aid from world Jewry. Simply to finance the balance-of-payments deficit during this decade, it will be necessary to mobilize capital abroad in the region of $12,000m. the Minister noted.

The treasurer of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Arye Dulzin, reported on his 1972/73 budget of $775m. In the outgoing year it was $387m.

Mr. Dulzin said that, since the Six Day War, 166,176 immigrants have arrived in Israel, bringing the total number who immigrated since the foundation of the State to 1,436,771.

There are 57 settlements in various stages of establishment and development since the Six Day War. Forty-two of them are beyond the Green Line. The total number of settlements now under the care of the Settlement Department is 400, with 172 of them still in the establishment and development stage, Mr. Dulzin continued.

The morning session opened with the election of the Presidium, and the President, Mr. Arye Pincus. The chairman of the Congress Court, Justice Moshe Landau, then reported on various procedural matters.

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Speakers respond to Pincus

The afternoon session saw the start of the debate on Mr. Pincus' opening address on Tuesday. The American Jewish theologian, Prof. Abraham Joshua Heschel, warned that the gulf between *Halacha* and life was threatening the Jewish people. The solution must be sought in a synthesis between *Halacha* and *aggada* — the moral and ethical teachings of our faith which are as important as the purely legal. Ultra-Orthodoxy had fallen into the trap of attaching to the Tora greater importance than to the People of Israel and to Love of Israel.

Minister of Interior Dr. Yosef Burg warned of the consequences of a religious *kulturkampf*. Only Israel itself would be the loser, he said. "Did we consider how cruel could be the encounter between the observant Georgian immigrants and a certain part of Israel reality?"

The NRP Minister lit out at the radical left-wing Zionists who exploited Israel's social problems to attack the State. He doubted "whether they are thereby truly fulfilling the *mitzva* of Zionism. It is more important that they recognize our rights than the rights of the Palestinians."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, the veteran U.S. Zionist leader, called for massive immigration from the U.S. The 10,000-odd arriving each year were "a drop in the bucket considering the total Jewish population of more than five million," he said.

Dr. Neumann called on the Zionist Movement to fight to exercise the legend now growing up in the world that "we are guilty of uprooting a whole people from its soil." This legend, Dr. Neumann said, was "as pernicious and possibly as harmful as the old legend of deicide" and served "as a moral and ethical cover for many of our adversaries who have quite different... and more selfish reasons for challenging our rights."

Liberal Party leader Yosef Saphir called for an overhaul of Israel's socio-economic system in order to absorb the immigrant of the 'seventies and 'eighties, who posed very different challenges, and made very diferent demands, from the waves of immigrants of the 'fifties.

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34 still held for Congress protest

The 34 demonstrators and supporters arrested outside Binyenei Ha'ooma in Jerusalem at the start of the Zionist Congress on Tuesday night were still in detention in the Russian Compound police headquarters 24 hours later. Superintendent Avraham Turgeman, the officer who was in charge of the situation outside the auditorium, told *The Jerusalem Post* that six or seven of the detainees were to be released in the course of yesterday evening, and the rest would be araigned before a magistrate this morning for a further remand in custody.

Two delegates to the Congress who witnessed Tuesday night's police action — one of them was arrested and freed soon after — charged police with employing undue violence. Twenty-year-old David Mandel of New York, Chairman of the U.S. Radical Zionist Alliance, said that he was arrested, forcibly photographed, and dragged into a police van despite his protestations that he was a delegate. He had been taking part in what he said was a quiet and orderly march from the Hebrew University to Binyenei Ha'ooma, together with other members of his organization, members of Siah and members of the Black Panthers. All of these, he stressed, were essentially Zionist organizations, unlike Matzpen, which was anti-Zionist and had not taken part in the demonstration. *The Jerusalem Post* alone among the Israel press had not described the demonstration as Matzpen-initiated, Mr. Mandel said.

Yesterday afternoon, Mandel tried to have the police conduct debated by the plenum on a point of order, but Congress President Arye Pincus refused to entertain the point of order, and had him restrained by stewards.

Another delegate, Mr. Solly Marcus, chairman of British Mapam, told reporters that he was on his way to the Congress when he became caught up in the demonstration. "I witnessed dozens of acts of violence bordering on brutality," Mr. Marcus said. He and an elderly delegate with him had been pushed around and manhandled, he claimed.

At a meeting attended by some 200 students at the University campus yesterday afternoon, it was decided to hold another demonstration outside Binyenei Ha'ooma at two o'clock today.

Meanwhile, the more established leftist factions at Congress have been taking up the demonstrators' case. The Young Bloc of the Labour Zionist Faction is to meet with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel this morning to discuss the police action. The Mapam faction issued a statement "severely criticizing the police behaviour towards the demonstrators . . . many of whom were representatives of young radical Zionist bodies from the Diaspora, who wished in this way to protest against the ideological and practical atrophy of the World Zionist Organization."

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Herut bid to hear Kahane defeated

The Congress Presidium last night rejected a Herut-Hatzohar motion submitted by Rafael Kotlowitz that it afford JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane the opportunity to address the Congress. Rabbi Zemah Zombrowsky, the Mizrachi leader, suggested that the motion be struck off the agenda, and the majority backed him.

Rabbi Kahane arrived in Israel yesterday and told reporters he would either "speak at the Congress, or go to jail in the attempt."

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Mapam wants Goldmann

The Mapam faction at the Congress intends to demand from the Presidium that it renew its invitation to Dr. Nahum Goldmann to deliver the keynote speech at Saturday night's session marking 75 years of organized Zionism. Dr. Goldmann's invitation was withdrawn after he said in a speech in London that the struggle for civil rights of Soviet Jewry was as important as that for its right to come on aliya.

Mapam says that some Labour Zionist and Independent Liberal delegates had approached on it this issue.

SECURE HANDS. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan was honoured yesterday with the duties of *sandak* at the *Brit Mila* (circumcision) of a son born to one of his staff members. (Camera 13)

Staff of three main cities threaten strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A warning strike aimed at the Ministry of the Interior and the Municipalities of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa was threatened yesterday by the 20,000 employees of the three cities.

The workers demand that the mayors of these towns publicly reject the warning issued by the Interior Ministry's Director-General Haim Kubersky, saying their budgets will not be approved should they conclude separate agreements with the respective workers' committees, without prior approval from his Ministry.

The workers' committees of the three cities, meeting at a Kupat Holim rest home in Megiddo, voiced strong objections to "the interference of the Interior Ministry's Director-General in trade union affairs and matters related to working conditions in town halls."

The Interior Ministry provides local authorities with substantial Government funds, and is expected to supervise their spending. The spending and its supervision by the Ministry are audited by the State Comptroller, and both have been subject to severe criticism in the past.

Labour leaders irked by Dayan-successor poll

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party leadership has been sorely irked by the publication in the party weekly, *"OT," of a public opinion poll on* the question "who else could be Minister of Defence."

Premier Golda Meir on reading in yesterday's afternoon press that "OT" was due to come out with this poll summoned Party Secretary-General Israel Yeshayahu to Jerusalem to discuss the matter. Mrs. Meir reportedly contended it was incomprehensible that a publication sponsored by the party should print an item which could be interpreted as seeking to undermine Mr. Dayan's position.

Other members of the party leadership protested that this item could imply partly support of the campaign being waged against Mr. Dayan from outside the party.

Mrs. Meir at first wanted to withhold the whole issue of the magazine from distribution.

Mr. Yeshayahu then summoned to Jerusalem "OT" editor David Shaham who argued the poll was in no way aimed at injuring Mr. Dayan's position. He denied charges of other party leaders that it was aimed at creating the impression that Mr. Dayan was on the way out and claimed the poll was complimentary to Mr. Dayan. He persuaded Mrs. Meir to abandon her intention of having the issues withdrawn.

Other members of the party leadership say they will have the matter brought before this morning's Party Leadership Bureau meeting in Jerusalem.

Sources close to Mr. Dayan said last night he had *no* intention of involving himself in any way in the matter and would have no comment.

Apathy served Wannsee aim, says Hausner

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — It was the silence of the world that made posible implementation of the Wannsee Convention—which decided 30 years ago today, in the Berlin suburb, that the "final solution" to the "Jewish problem" was extermination. This opinion was voiced yesterday by Knesset Member Gideon Hausner at a conference held on the anniversary of the Convention by the Bar-Ilan University School of Education.

Mr. Hausner, who served as prosecutor at the Eichmann Trial, discussed the Wannsee Convention in the terms of the Third Reich's global strategy. He said the Convention was merely "a rubber stamp for a situation which had already existed, namely that it was possible to commit mass murder of Jews while the rest of the world remained unmoved and aloof."

It was no coincidence that the man chosen to oversee implementation of the "final solution," Heidrich, was the same man whom the civilized countries of the world had previously found suitable to head Interpol. Heidrich had held the job prior to the Second World War, without any of the European countries voicing any opposition to the fact.

German foreign policy aimed at corroding the willingness of democratic nations to protect the Jews. "In achieving this aim of Nazi statesmanship," Mr. Hausner stated, "the Third Reich was entirely successful."

The free nations, in fact, gave the Germans a "green light" to exterminate millions when they failed to react to anti-Jewish acts from the infamous Crystal Night and on. The actions that did come were often detrimental to the cause of Jewish survival, making any attempts to save lives even more difficult.

"Foremost among these was the British White Paper against Jewish immigration to Palestine. The Jews had nowhere to go, even though the Germans let them leave until 1941," Mr. Hausner said.

After Dayan? 48% cannot imagine it

TEL AVIV. — A public opinion poll has found that 47.5 per cent of the population do not believe that there is a replacement, or cannot name one, for Moshe Dayan as Defence Minister. The nearest choice — of 21.5 per cent — was of the recently retired Chief of Staff, Haim Bar-Lev.

This emerges from a recent poll conducted by Pori Public Opinion Research of Israel, commissioned by the Labour Party weekly "OT," the results appear in today's issue.

The instructions given to Pori Director Raphael Gill were: "Moshe Dayan's popularity, which is measured so frequently, is among the highest in the country. But in keeping with the rule that no man is indispensable, the opinion survey is commissioned to find out who else the public considers fit to be Defence Minister."

Mr. Gill, in his explanatory remarks, noted that the public was given an open-ended question, that is, they were entitled to mention any name of their choice.

Some 12.4 per cent said that Mr. Dayan is irreplaceable, with another 35.1 per cent saying they could not name anyone else for the job. After Bar-Lev's 21.5 per cent, came his predecessor at army GHQ, Ambassador to Washington Yitzhak Rabin with 13.9 per cent. Yigal Allon, Ezer Weizman, Menahem Begin, Shimon Peres, Golda Meir, Yigael Yadin, Ariel Sharon and Haim Herzog were also mentioned.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Dry, with variable amounts of high and medium clouds.
Weather synopsis: A ridge from Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean is giving an easterly flow over our region.

	Yesterday's humidity	Yesterday's Temp. Min.	Max.
Jerusalem	59	7	11
Golan	72	1	5
Nahariya	62	4	18
Safad	59	4	8
Mt. Carmel	48	9	15
Tiberias	47	7	18
Nazareth	53	5	13
Afula	47	4	15
Shomron	38	8	18
Tel Aviv	44	8	20
Lod Airport	27	4	21
Jericho	51	6	20
Gaza	68	6	17
Beersheba	69	6	18
Eilat	34	10	21
Tiran Straits	32	14	23

ARRIVALS

Dr. Selma Sokolow, only daughter of Nahum Sokolow, at invitation of the Zionist Executive attend the Zionist Congress.

Mr. Sam Rothberg, General man, State of Israel Bonds, as gate to the Zionist Congress (by

Mr. Julian Venesky, National man for Regions, State of Israel

Mrs. S. Wiesenfeld, president in Venezuela, for the Zionist Con

Mr. Sol M. Rotter, Israel Bonds from Newburgh, New York.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Amos Eiran, adviser on congressional affairs at the Israel bassy in Washington, to New Washington, after consultation the Foreign Ministry here (by H

Mr. Anthony Smith, former ch the BBC programme "24 hours," a week's visit in connection with search into the issue of relations tween TV and government.

9 Arabs held in Bar-Ilan blast

TEL AVIV. — Nine Arabs — hailing three from the administered areas — were yesterday remanded for six days in connection with the explosion of a Mills grenade at the entrance to Bar-Ilan University on Monday morning.

The suspects are: Abed Al of Kafr Musmus, Firhat Radi Abdul Alamra of Ramallah, Ali Aisa of Kafr Kassem, Haled M of Taybeh, Omar Abu-Alal of Ara, Mahmoud Masarwa of Kara, Mahmoud Tzivi of Gaza, Ahmed Mahaj'nwa of Umm Fahm.

A police representative told the remanding magistrate here that eyewitness had identified the three suspects as having placed the grenade near an electric at the side of the road. He said that the rest of the detainees were suspected of being involved in the operation as well.

All nine men denied any part in the sabotage. One of them, Hi Nasser, complained to the court that he had been beaten during interrogation.

B-G: Bring in 5 million, settle deserts, make peace

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three vital needs face Israel in the 'seventies, David Ben-Gurion told the Zionist Congress yesterday afternoon, at a special session held to pay him tribute on his eighty-fifth birthday. Until these three needs were fulfilled, he said, the Jewish State which he and his colleagues had set out to build could not be said to have arrived.

The three needs are:

- The majority of the Jewish People must come to live in Israel — "otherwise it is not the Jewish State." We need another five or six million Jews, Ben-Gurion declared; and he believed that they would come.
- The deserts must be settled. Some 80 per cent of Israel within the pre-1967 borders was uncultivated wasteland, Ben-Gurion recalled, and this land must be made productive.
- "Peace with our neighbours." Mr. Ben-Gurion did not offer any concrete suggestions as to how to achieve this third urgent need, but recalled his historic words in the Declaration of Independence in 1948: "We hold out the hand of peace... to our neighbours."

The elder statesman of Zionism began his address by expressing his surprise that he had been invited to the Congress at all. "I am not a member of any party..." But this only drew laughter and applause from the packed auditorium.

Before his address, Mr. Ben-Gurion was presented with a commemorative scroll from the Zionist Movement, hailing him as "the farsighted prophet, the architect of the State, the fighter for freedom, the educator of generations of Jews..." The scroll wished "the old man" "many more years during which you will benefit us from your spirit and wisdom."

David Ben-Gurion accepting a commemorative scroll from Mr. Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, in Jerusalem last night. (Weiss photo)

'Bigger voice for Sephardim won't solve poverty'

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Poverty in Israel is a social, not an ethnic, problem; and there are great potential dangers in the formation of a separate Sephardi political party, Dr. Israel Katz, head of the National Insurance Institute, said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Dr. Katz made this remark in reference to demands made recently for more Sephardi representation in the political establishment and to some demands for Sephardi separatism that were voiced earlier this week at the World Sephardi Convention.

There is nothing wrong in more Sephardi representation in the political establishment, he said, but "that will not help solve the problems of poverty in Israel, since the weakest and most vulnerable groups in the population would not necessarily be represented. Dr. Katz appeared to be referring to the present leadership of the Sephardi Federation in Israel, which is middle- and even upper-class.

Histadrut bid to avert strike of professionals

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut leaders will meet with Prime Minister Golda Meir on Sunday in an attempt to avert the strike of professionals scheduled for next Tuesday.

The professionals demand that authorities honour their promise to restore the differential between university graduates and other employees — which, according to the professionals, has shrunk by 17 per cent in the last few years. A compromise solution proposed by the Histadrut's Trade Union Department is to establish a new "professionals' supplement," which has the advantage of not causing a chain reaction in other salaries. Another suggestion is to refer the whole issue to an arbitrator.

A spokesman for the professionals told *The Jerusalem Post* last night they are tired of delays and unkept promises, and that the decision to strike was unanimous among all professional groups, both within the Histadrut and outside it.

School principal cleared of 'indecent act'

BEERSHEBA. — The former principal of the State religious school here, Mr. Haim Baratz, yesterday won his appeal against a conviction by the Magistrate's Court over a year and a half ago of committing an "indecent act" with a 16-year-old girl student.

Mr. Baratz, on July 9, 1970, got a one-year suspended jail sentence and was fined IL570 by Magistrate's Court Judge Gilad Gfadi for the "indecent act" — touching the breast of a girl student while they were alone together in his office.

In reversing the verdict, the District Court yesterday said the appellant had been convicted on neither "circumstantial nor substantive evidence." The principal and the girl had been alone in the room, and in a charge of this kind a conviction could not be based solely on the girl's testimony.

Counsel for Mr. Baratz was Mr. Shmuel Tamir. Appearing for the State was District Attorney Ya'acov Kraushaar. The bench was composed of Judges Shlomo Elkayam (President), Yosef Levin and Meir Wolinsky. *(Ittm)*

NATURE PROTECTION WEEK, under the auspices of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, will begin January 28. It will feature free guided tours and the opening of the Shaham Observation Post south of Eilat, among other events.

Civilian exchange across Suez Canal

KANTARA. — An exchange of civilians between Israel and Egypt took place here yesterday under Red Cross auspices. Sixty-two Egyptian nationals returned to homes from the Gaza Strip, while 15 persons came back to the Strip from Egypt.

The operation began at 10.30 in the morning but, because of long delays on the Egyptian side of the Canal it was not complete until the afternoon.

Netivei Neft Inquiry

Ex-secretary alleges Lapidot plot

A new version of who tried to get whom in the Israel oil industry came up yesterday at the Witkon Commission of Inquiry into the Netivei Neft affair, when a former secretary of the company, Meir Chen, gave testimony. According to Mr. Chen, it was Lapidot which was behind the efforts to undermine the good name and reputation of both Mr. Friedman and Netivei Neft in order to gain control over the Government-owned oil company at Abu Rodeis.

Mr. Chen, who has lived abroad since he resigned from Netivei Neft last year, said he had been told of the Lapidot "plot" by a former Netivei Neft employee, Moshe Ben-Menahem.

Ben-Menahem, he said, had appeared at the Netivei Neft offices in Tel Aviv and demanded to see Friedman, the company's general manager, in order to demand his job back. (He had been sacked a few months earlier.) Mr. Chen was there, and Ben-Menahem told him, he said, that when he had gone to Lapidot to collect documents to present as evidence against Friedman to Attorney-General Moshe Ben-Zeev, Mr. Zalman Chen, Lapidot's general manager, had called him in and told him what type of evidence to give. Not only that, but Zalman Chen had taken him to Continental's stores in Hadera and advised him what to photograph, and what was "stolen" property.

(It was Mr. Ben-Menahem who went to the press and presented photographs and other alleged "evidence" of malpractices and theft at the fields at Abu Rodeis.)

When Mr. Ben-Menahem gave evidence before the Commission earlier this month, he claimed that Meir Chen had come to him and suggested that if he wanted his job back he had better write a letter to Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, lauding Friedman. He claimed that he had refused to write the letter, but his wife wrote it under Chen's guidence, and had him sign it. This version was corroborated by Mr. Ben-Menahem's wife.

SCEPTICAL RECEPTION

Mr. Chen's version of what happened was received rather sceptically by both Justice Witkon, chairman of the Inquiry Commission, and Deputy State Attorney Michael Kirsch, who was examining him. Justice Witkon could not understand why Mr. Ben-Menahem should have agreed to write such a letter unless he expected a reward. Mr. Kirsch said that, in the light of the statements Mr. Ben-Menahem had made to both Mr. Ben-Ze'ev and the press, the letter written to Dr. Dinstein seemed totally out of character.

The only connection that Chen would admit to having with the entire affair was that he had agreed, after being asked by Ben-Menahem, to help phrase the letter. Despite intensive interrogation from both the Commission and Mr. Kirsch, he would not agree that the only reason the letter had been written at all was in order to get Ben-Menahem his job back and to clear Mr. Friedman of the adverse reports which had appeared in the press.

SELECTIVE WITNESS

Mr. Chen proved to be a very selective witness. His memory failed to reach as far back as 1969 or even last year, and many of Mr. Kirsch's questions went unanswered. He did remember, however, that Mr. Friedman had taken a wild shot with his revolver at Abu Rodeis one night, when there were people about. He also remembered that he had complained of this to Mr. Shalom Sela, a former field foreman, but said that, at the time, he had given Sela an exaggerated account. "You know *how it is*," he said; "all Jews tend to exaggerate."

He said that he had heard that Mr. Friedman had also fired a gun in the recreation room at the field and said that for months there had been a hole in one of the windows market: "Here shot Mottie Friedman."

Mr. Chen will continue his evidence this morning when he will be examined by Mr. Ram Caspi, appointed counsel for Dr. David Neev.

Meanwhile, the police yesterday presented their conclusions on a further three complaints of a criminal nature which had been submitted against Netivei Neft. They found the three complaints to be void of factual evidence, which is the same conclusion the police reached in regard to 14 other similar charges. The police conclusions have been handed over to the Attorney-General, who will now have to decide whether to prosecute. *(JP)*

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